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I received the 14th Agency of Cultural Affairs Media Arts Festival Excellence Award.
I wonder how many times it was almost thrown out until this point...?
But the greatness of the novel "Kokou no Hito" and the person that became my model, the climber Mr. Katou Buntarou and the way he lived, have supported me while I believed in myself, which let me keep drawing this far.
And as I continue from here, I'll continue to challenge the limits of the method of expression known as manga, and I'd like to complete the Sakamoto-version of "Kokou no Hito".

Sakamoto Shinichi

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文太郎は加藤花と結ばれ、長女・六花に恵まれる。家庭を手に入れた生活は心を満たすものの。だが後輩・建村の誘いを契機に、ついに文太郎はK２へ旅立つ。憧れ続けた未踏の氷壁にとりついた文太郎だが、パートナー建村との登山志向の違いが徐々に顕れ始めて…!?

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Climb the number 1 mountain in the world.

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But because of a warning about an avalanche caused by a serac further up, they did not attempt the climb.
In 1987, the Englishman Doug Scott and his team of nine men from England, America and Australia headed there.
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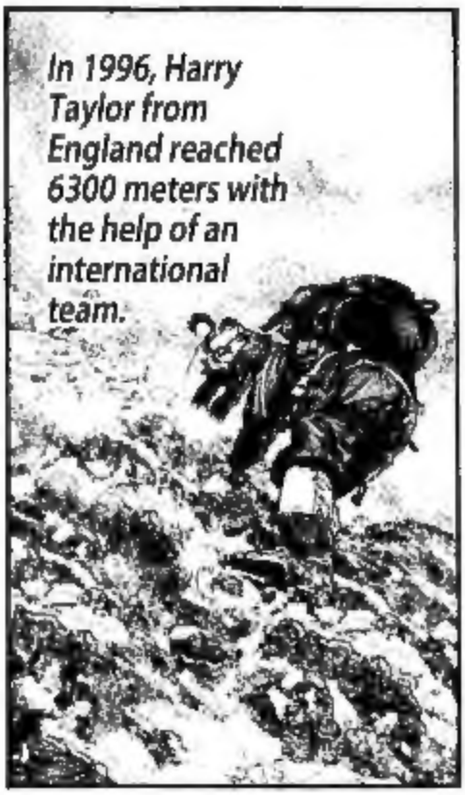
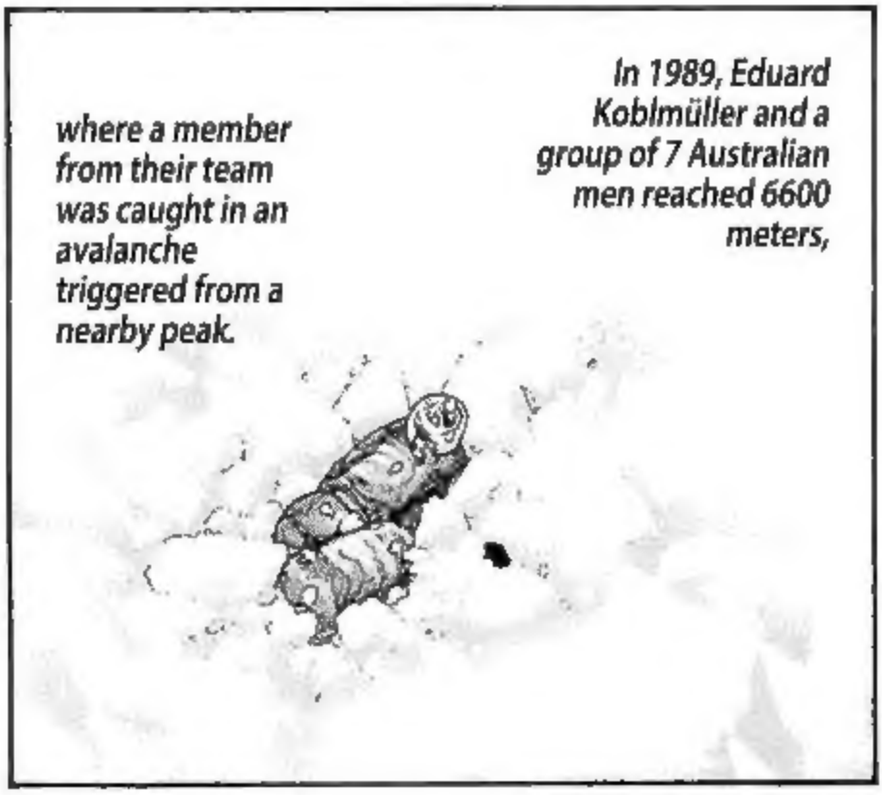

In 1996, Harry Taylor from England reached 6300 meters with the help of an international team.


where a member from their team was caught in an avalanche triggered from a nearby peak.
In 1989, Eduard Koblmüller and a group of 7 Australian men reached 6600 meters,

They abandoned the ascent at 6500 meters.
In 2000, Yamanoi Yasushi and Wojciech Kurtyka from Poland attempted the summit only as a duo, but...

WHE YOU FACTOR IN THE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AVALANCHE FROM THE SNOW FIELD AT 7300 METERS, NOBODY SHOULD MAKE IT FURTHER THAN THAT.
Descent Minimum 5 hours
Peak (8611m)
(8300~8400m) Head Wall Base
(8000~8200m) Drooping Glacier
Descent to 8000m Bivouac (3)
Minimum 15 hours Bivouac (2) at 7500m
Snow Field (About 7400m~7500m) (Crevasse!?)
Minimum 11 hours (Slope speed up) (Knife right speed up!)
At 6300 bivouac (1)
Lower Section At 6300 bivouac (4)
Minimum Approx. 13 hours
Approximately (5100m)
IN ALL OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBING HISTORY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN AN ATTEMPT OF THE K2 EAST-FACE AT ANY POINT HIGHER THAN 7000 METERS.
DMIRAL
Walkers
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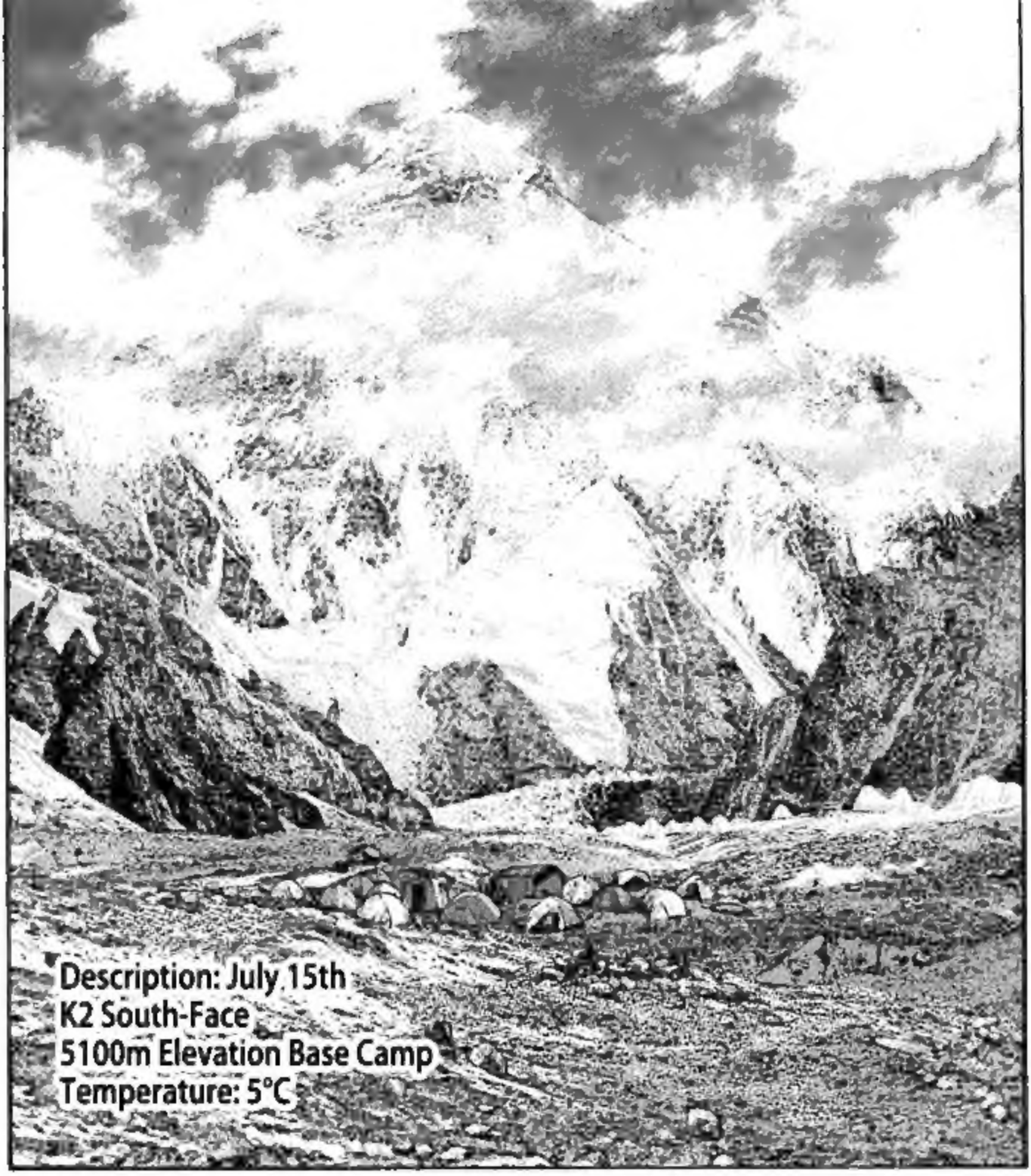
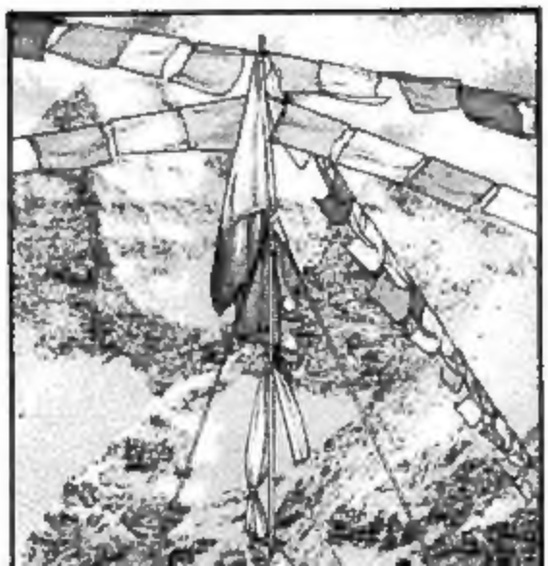
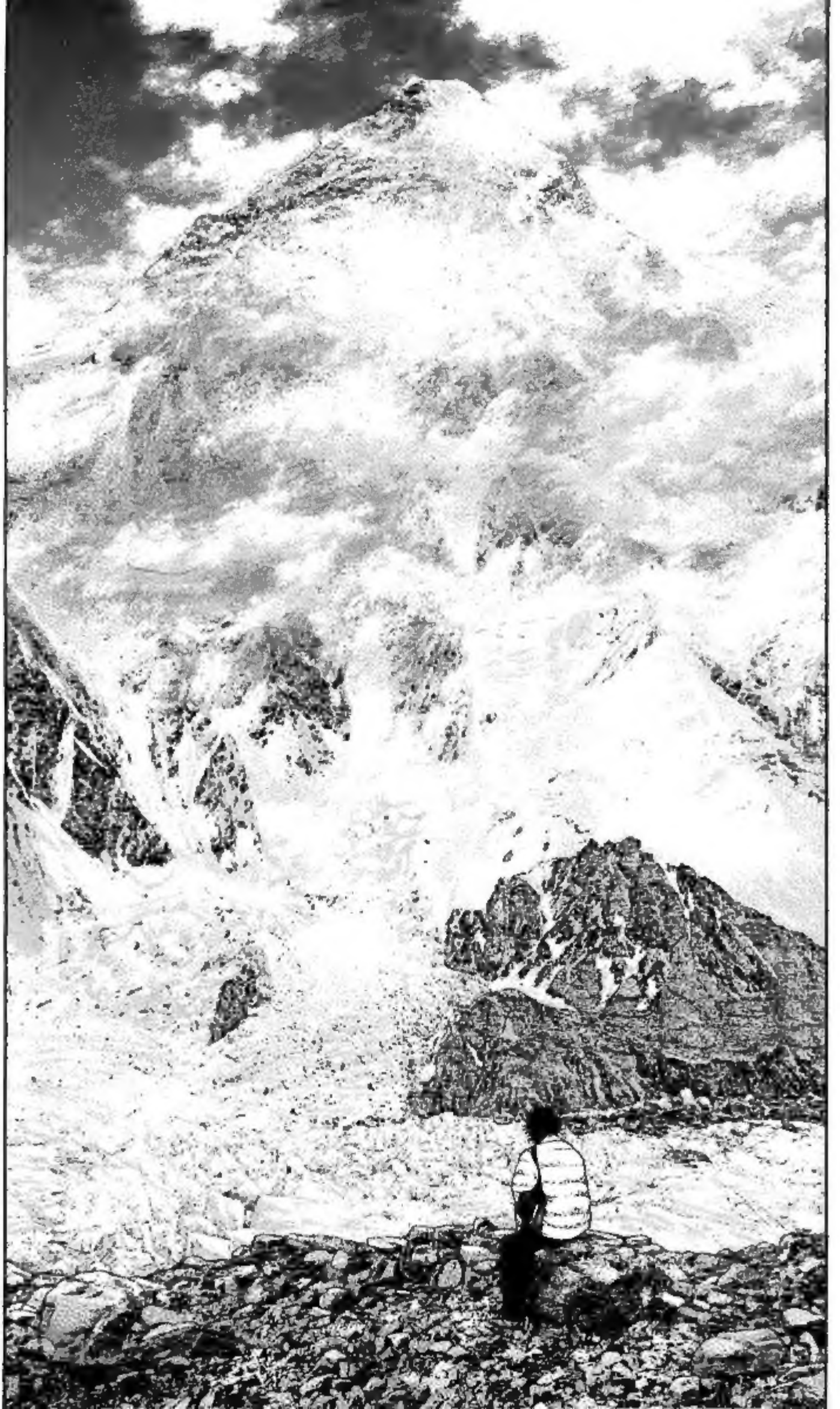

Description: July 15th
K2 South-Face
5100m Elevation Base Camp
Temperature: 5°C





WE TROUBLED ORANDA TEAM TO GET THEIR PERMI-SSION, SO...
IT'D LOOK BAD TO RUN LATE.

SENPAI, WE'RE MEETING TO EAT NOW.

...GOT IT.
I'M GONNA GO NOW.
I HAD ANTICI-PATED IT, BUT...
THERE ARE INDEED PEOPLE IN SUCH A REMOTE PLACE...
THAT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN. K2 IS SEEN BY CLIMBERS ALL OVER THE WORLD AS THE MOST DIFFICULT HIGH PEAK.
DURING THE CLIMBING SEASON, PEOPLE COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.
Well, of all those teams we're the only ones going up via the East-Face.

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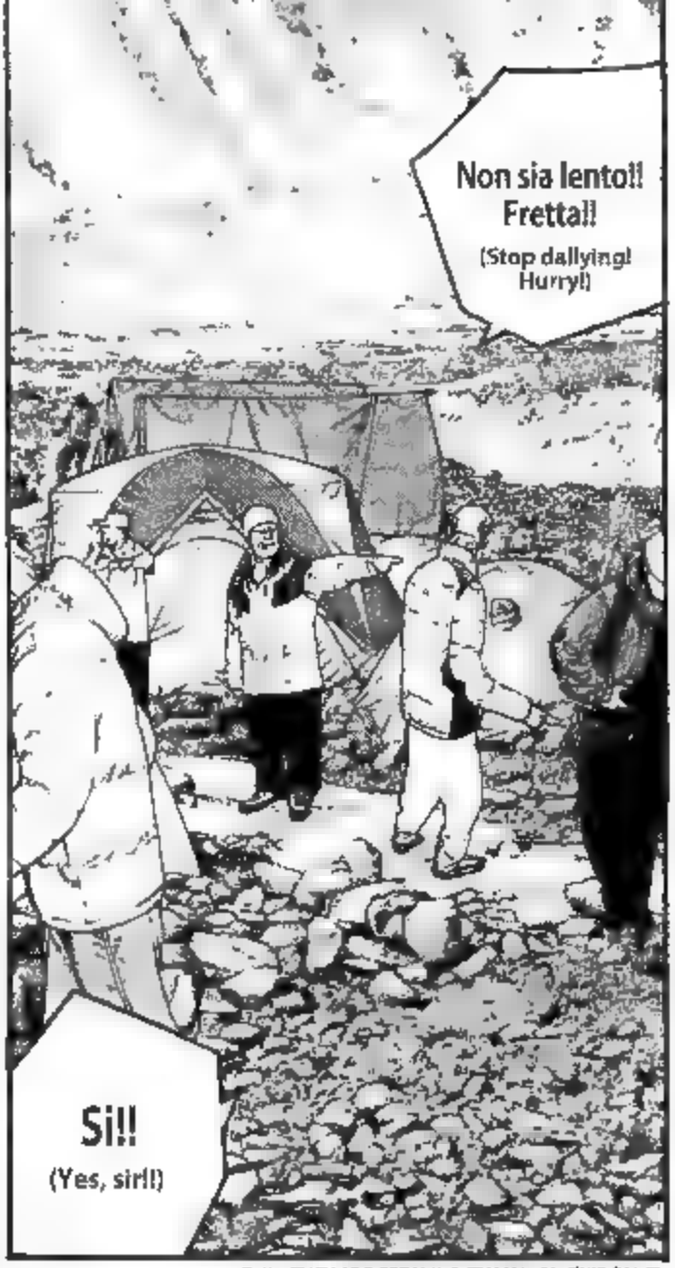
T/N: THEY ARE SPEAKING KOREAN ON THIS PANEL



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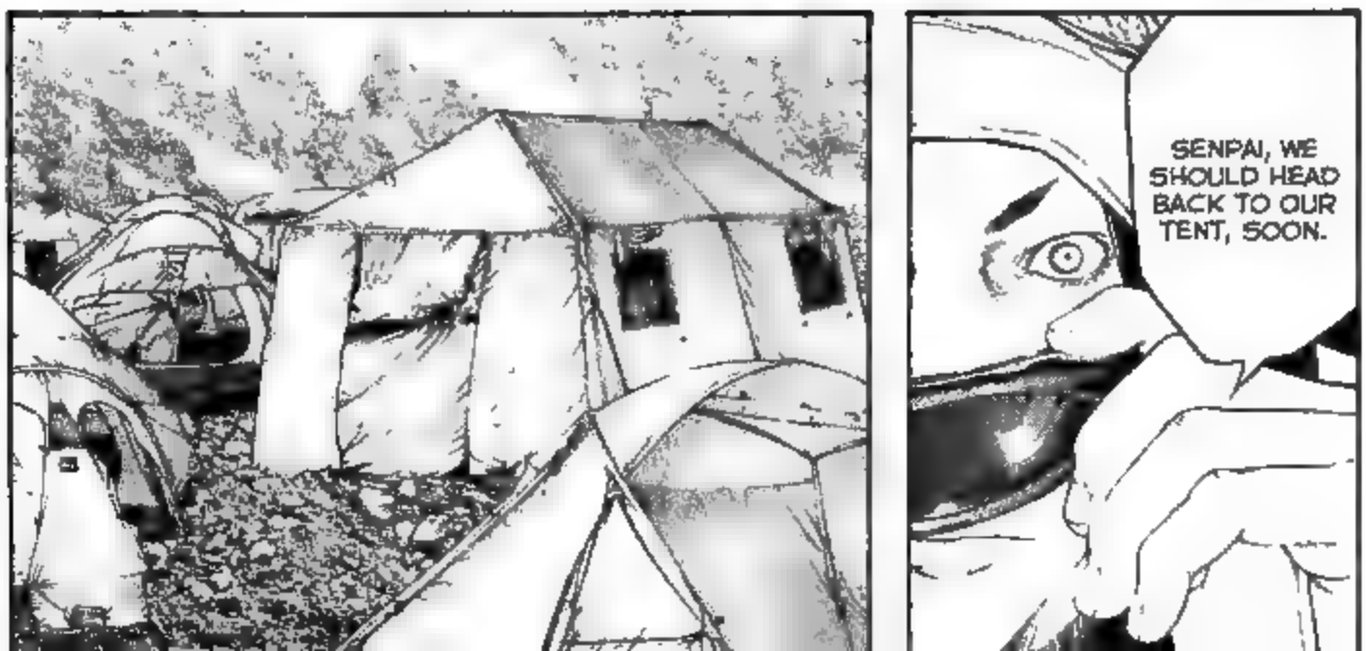
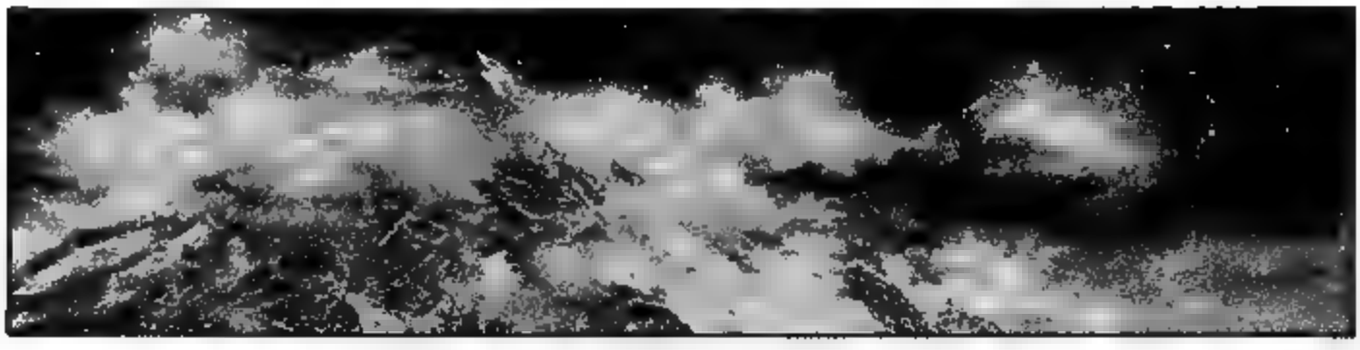


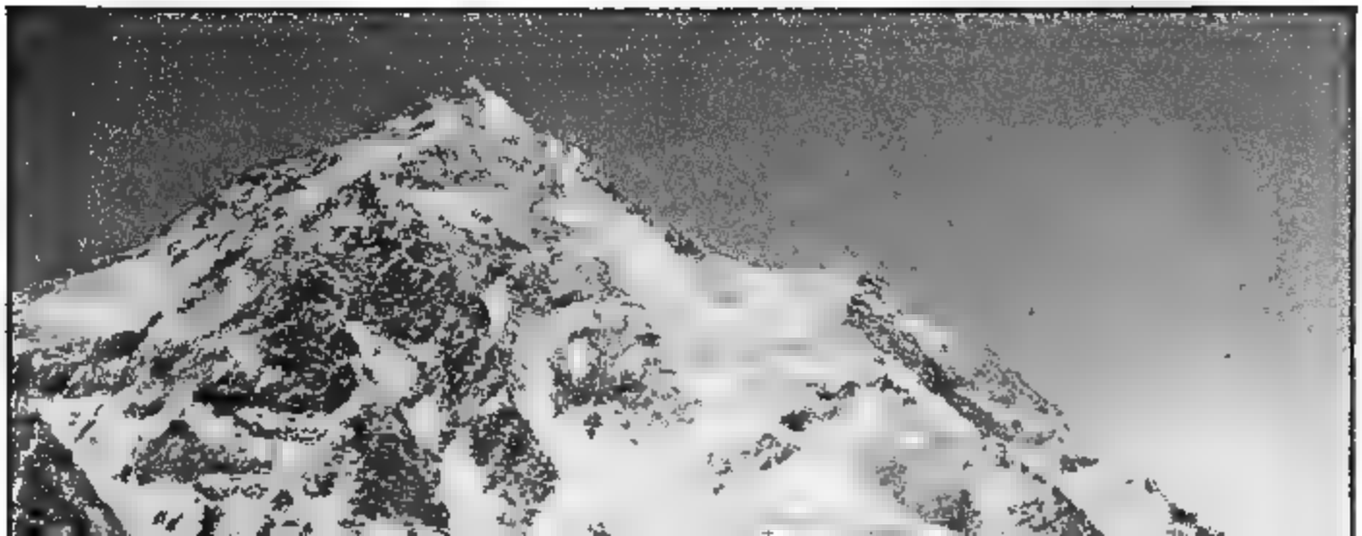
ALL RIGHT. THE TWO WEEK WAIT WAS WORTH IT.
A STRONG, STABLE ANTICYCLONE HAS ARRIVED.
NOW WE'LL HAVE GOOD WEATHER FOR A FULL WEEK...!

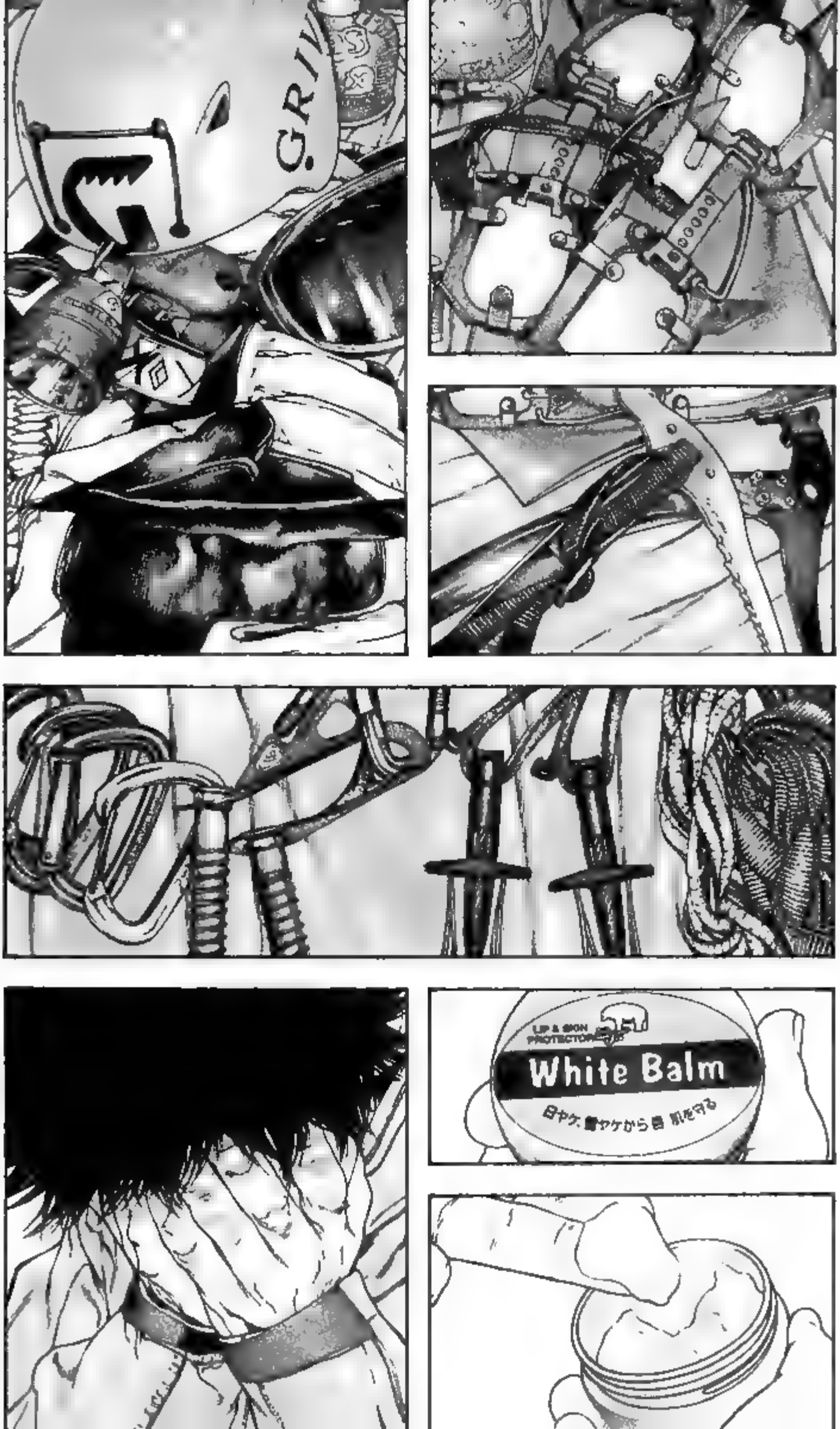
SENPAI, IT DEFINITELY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE SHOULD BE HAVING A LEISURELY TIME MEETING FOR FOOD AT A TIME LIKE THIS, HUH...?

...THE WARM AIR THAT FLOWS IN FROM THE BAY OF BENGAL IS GENERALLY PRETTY IRREGULAR
AND RECENTLY THE WEATHER AT K2 HASN'T BEEN ALL THAT GOOD...
PLUS, ONCE THE WEATHER AROUND K2 HAS GONE BAD, IT STAYS BAD FOR A WHILE...

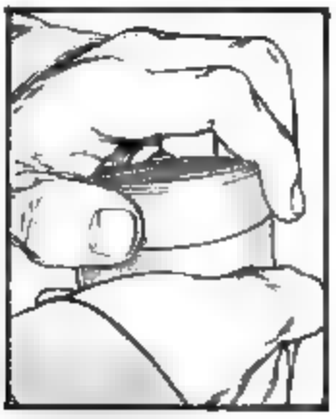
LET'S HEAD OFF IN THE EARLY MORNING TOMORROW.
YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT, RIGHT?





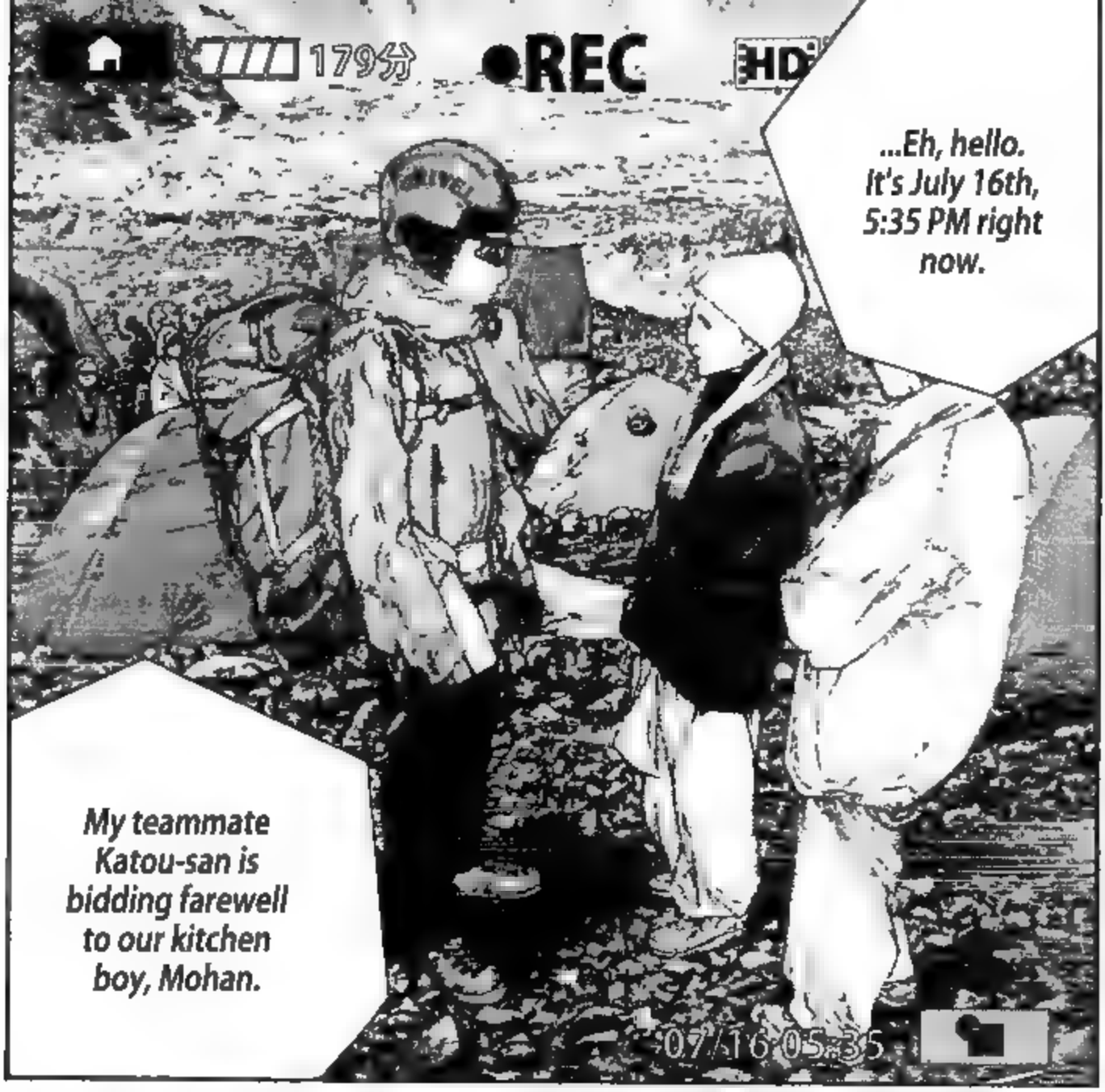

LIP & SKIN PROTECTOR
White Balm

If I leave this behind, I'll have 24 grams less to carry.



I don't mind getting sunburned. I'll just leave this and go...

Well then,
It's time.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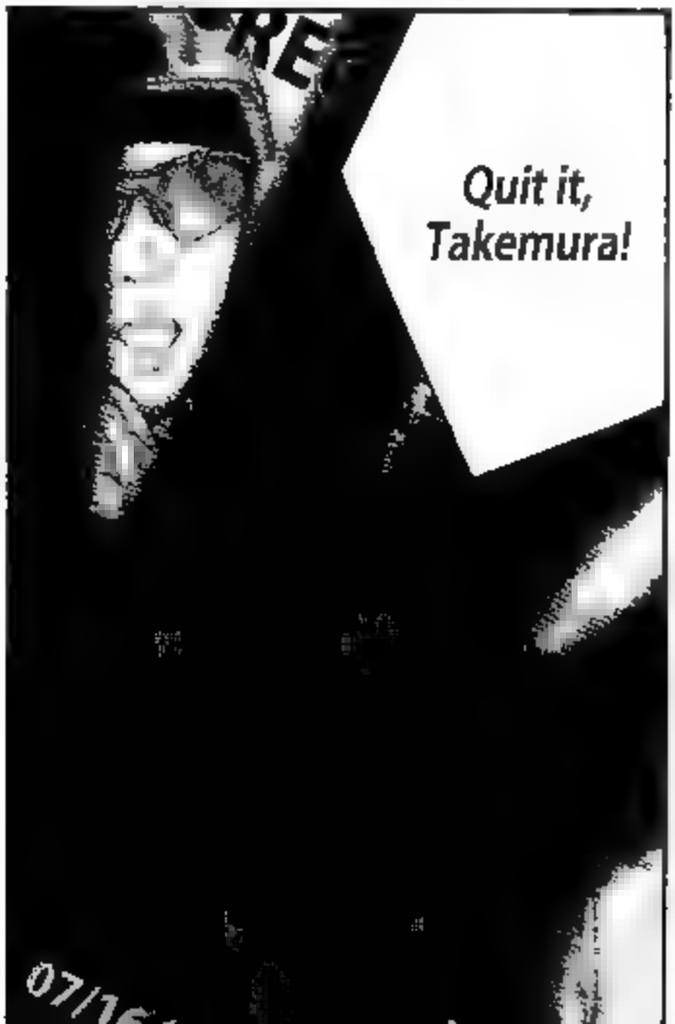
●REC
HD
...Eh, hello. It's July 16th, 5:35 PM right now.
My teammate Katou-san is bidding farewell to our kitchen boy, Mohan.
07/16 05:35

178分
●REC
HD HQ

178分
What're you doing, Takemura?
Katou-san!

●REC
From here, we set our sights on the K2 East-Face.
We're planning on taking a path around the Abruzzi Spur and stay on the glacier for a long time, for over 2 kilometers until we reach the mountain.

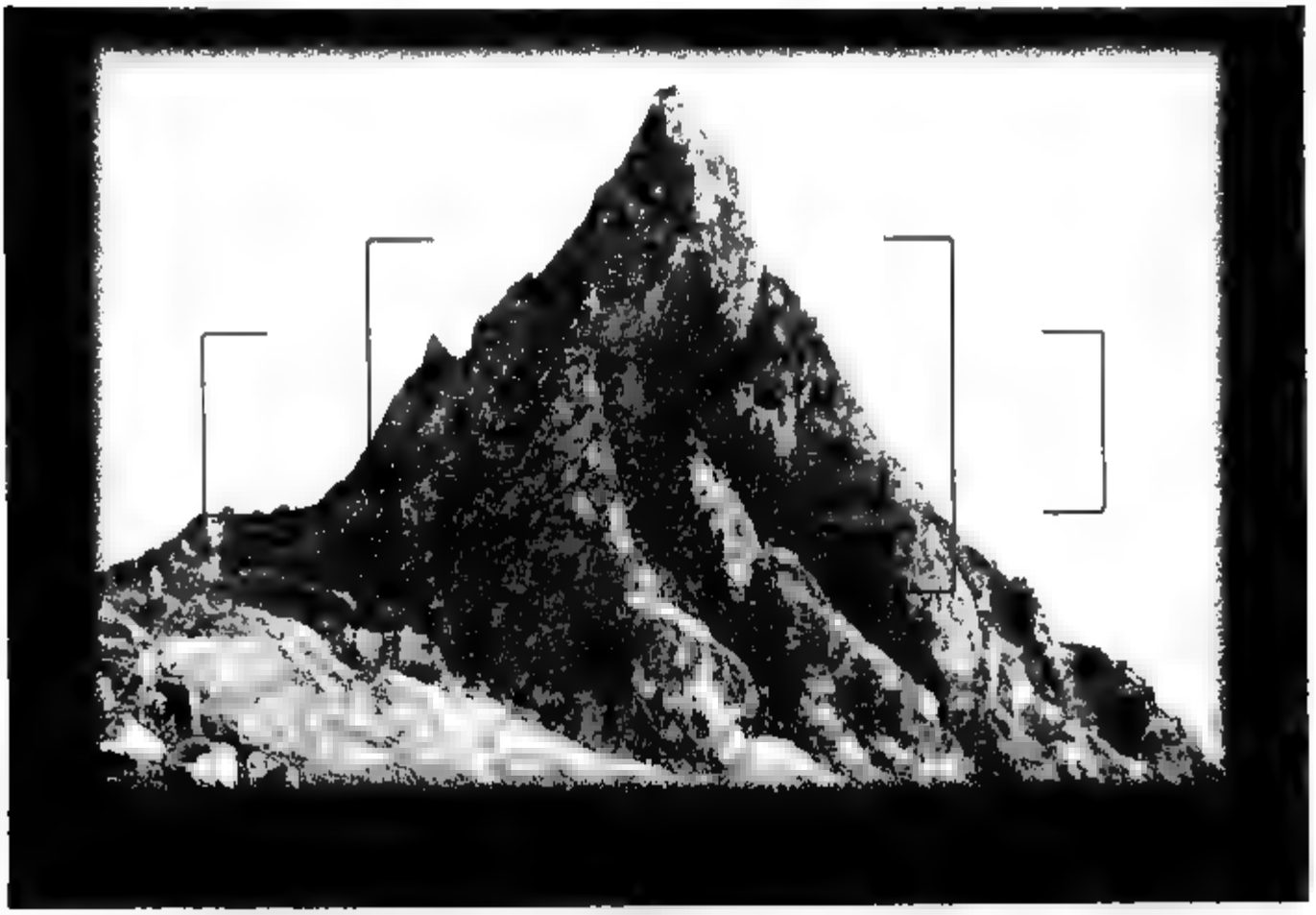
●REC
Good morning!!
How about you say a few words to the people of Japan on your mental state right...


Quit it, Takemura!
07/16

●REC
Huh...!? Takemura!?
What're you doing?

Come on, just one sentence!

Mount Yari
槍ヶ岳
KM
徒
士



SO NOW HE'S ON K2 EAST-FACE, HUH...?

AND WHAT'S MORE, THAT MORI BUNTAROU IS CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN WITH A CLIMBING ROPE TIED TO SOME-BODY ELSE.
IF THAT OONISHI GUY WERE TO HEAR THAT, HE'D SHED TEARS OF JOY...

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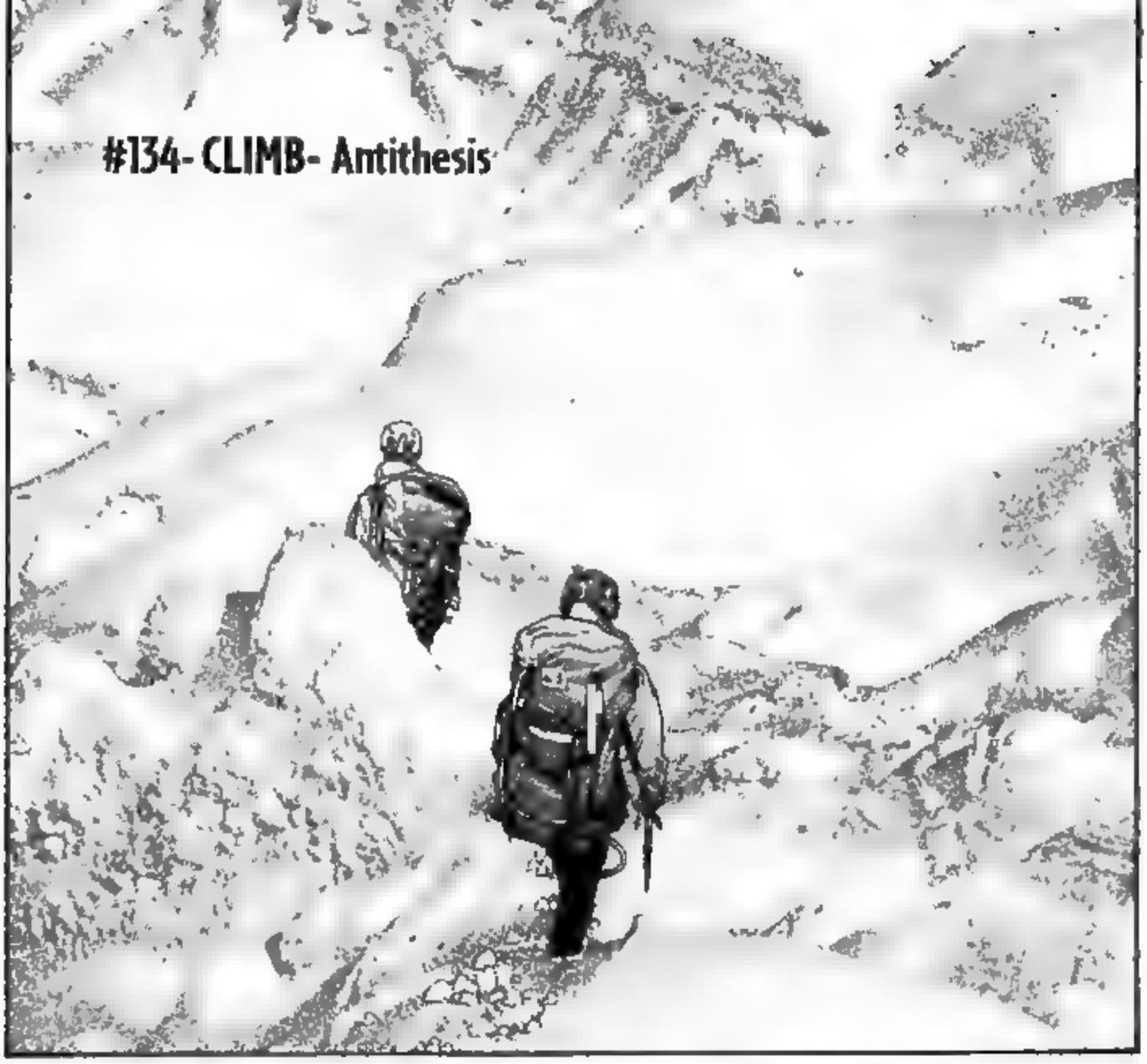
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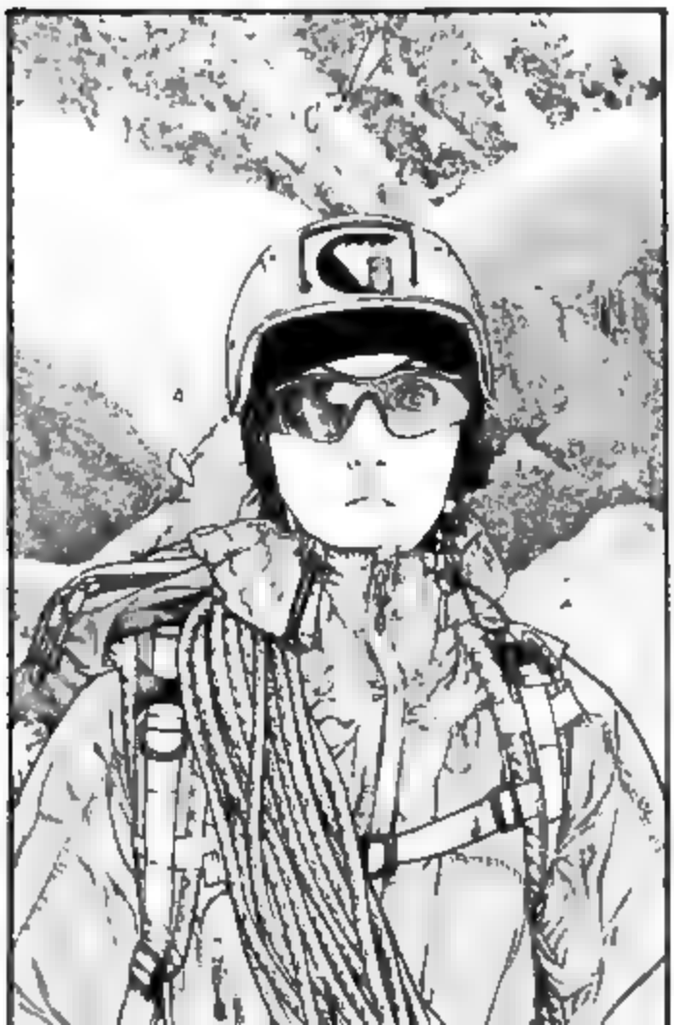
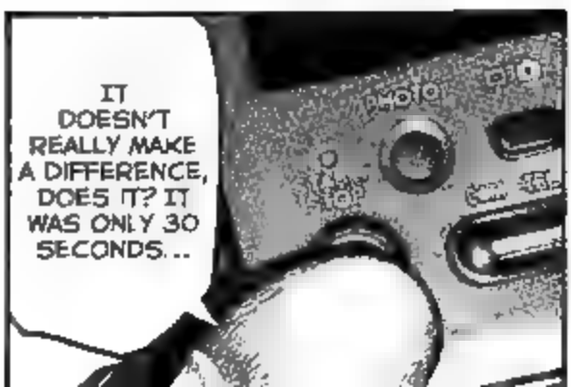


#134 -CLIMB- Antithesis

*T/N: AN ICE TOWER CAUSED BY A GLACIER.

IF WE HAD BEEN HERE ANOTHER THREE, NO EVEN ONE MINUTE EARLIER,
WE WOULD HAVE SURELY BEEN CRU-SHED BY ONE OF THOSE BUILDING OR TRUCK SIZED ICE ROCKS!
DID YOU SEE THAT?
JUST NOW A GIANT SERAC* COLLA-PSED.

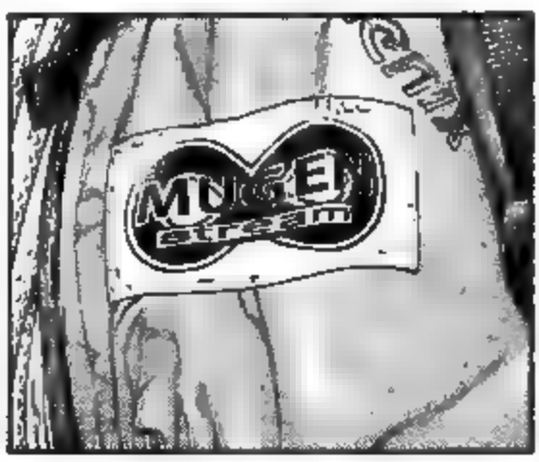
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE STANDING ON A DANGEROUS GLACIER WITHOUT GAINING ELEVATION.
WE STILL HAVE A VERY LONG 2 KM HIKE AHEAD OF US, BEFORE WE ARRIVE AT THE K2 EAST-FACE.


IT DOESN'T REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE, DOES IT? IT WAS ONLY 30 SECONDS...

THAT'S ENOUGH ALREADY, TAKEMURA.
YOU'RE BEING WAY TOO LAX.

I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO BROADCAST THIS VIDEO TO JAPAN VIA MY HOME PAGE.
THE SPONSORS OF THIS CLIMB ASKED ME TO DO IT.
I CAN'T JUST NOT TAKE IT.

..IF SOME-THING HAPPENS...
THE FIRST THING THAT GOES OVERBOARD IS THAT CAMERA.
I'LL MAKE THAT DEAL AND MAKE SURE IT'S HONORED.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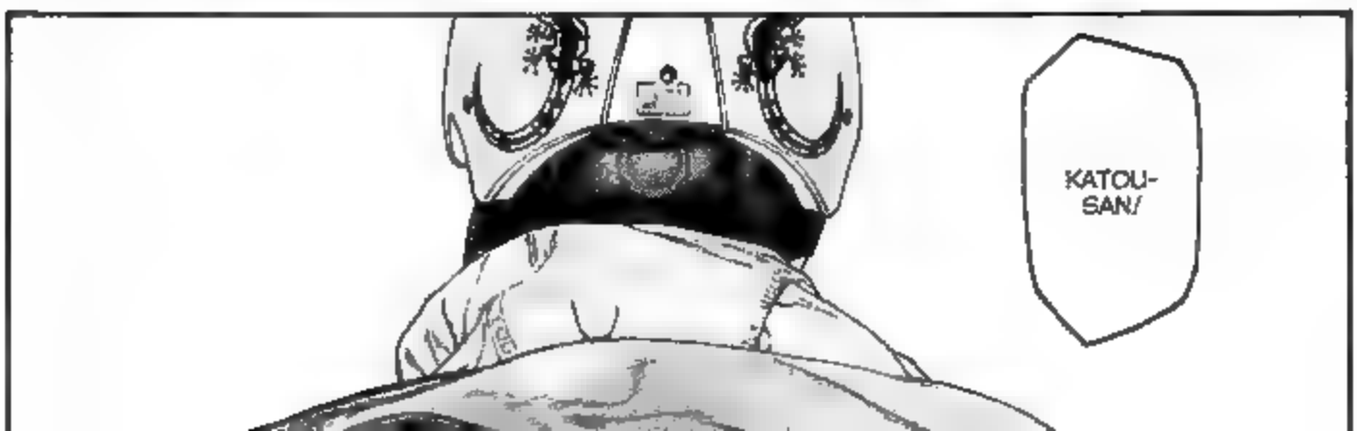
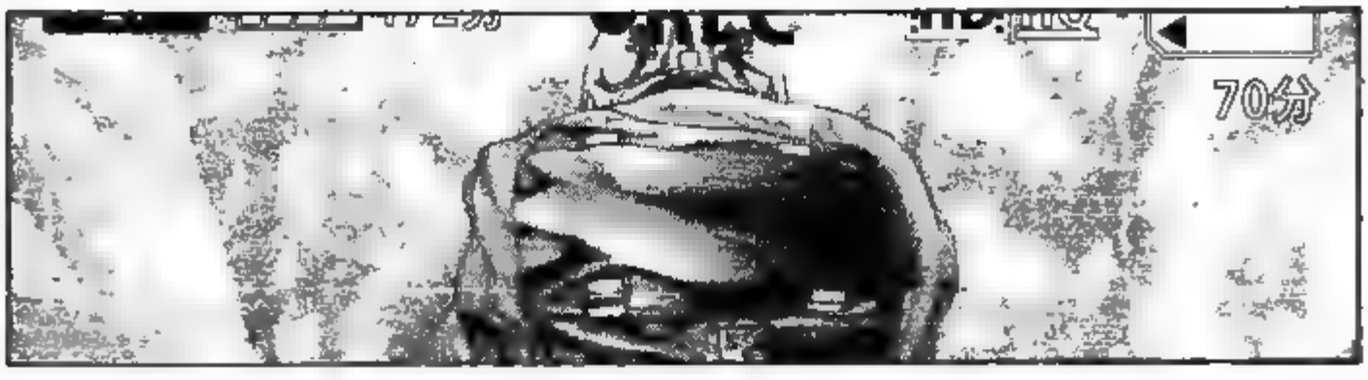
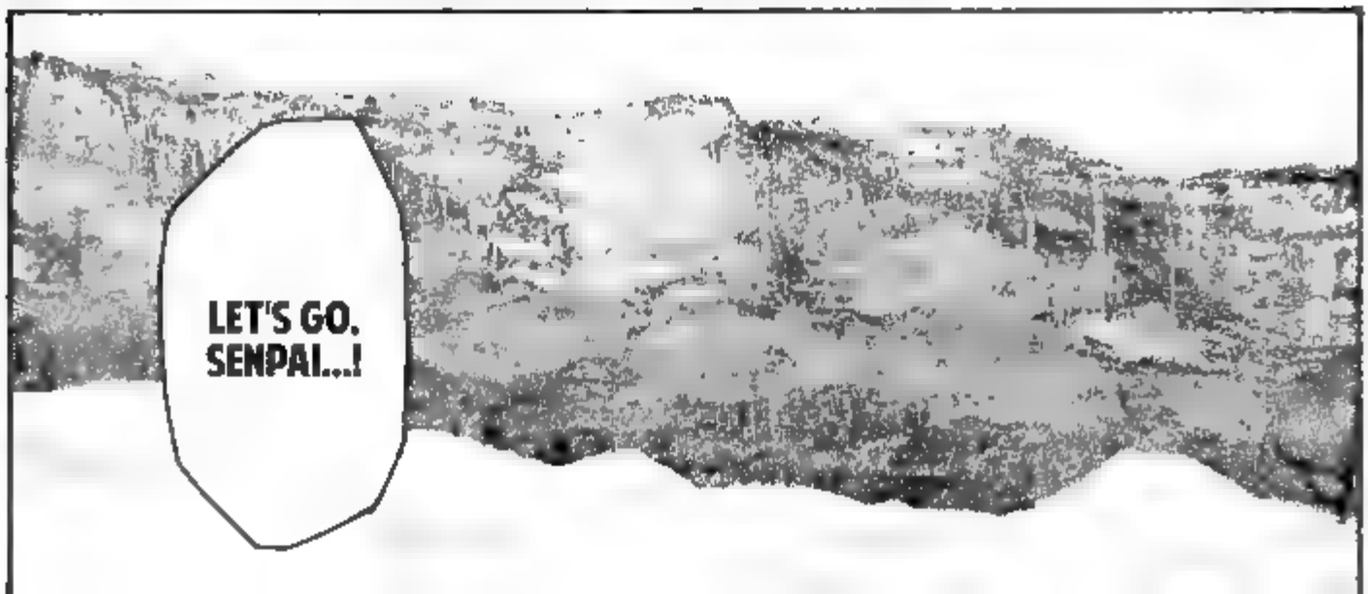

KATOU-SAN/

*T/N: HIDDEN CREVASSE = A CREVASSE HIDDEN BY A LAYER OF SNOW





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74分
HIYAH!
07/16 08:47

KUH..
KUKU!
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●REC
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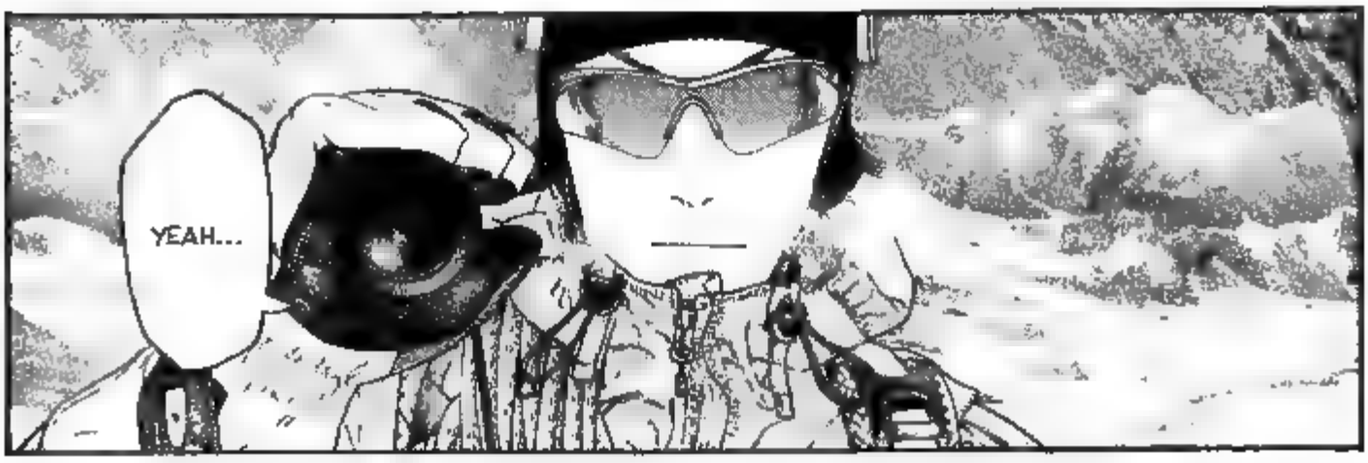
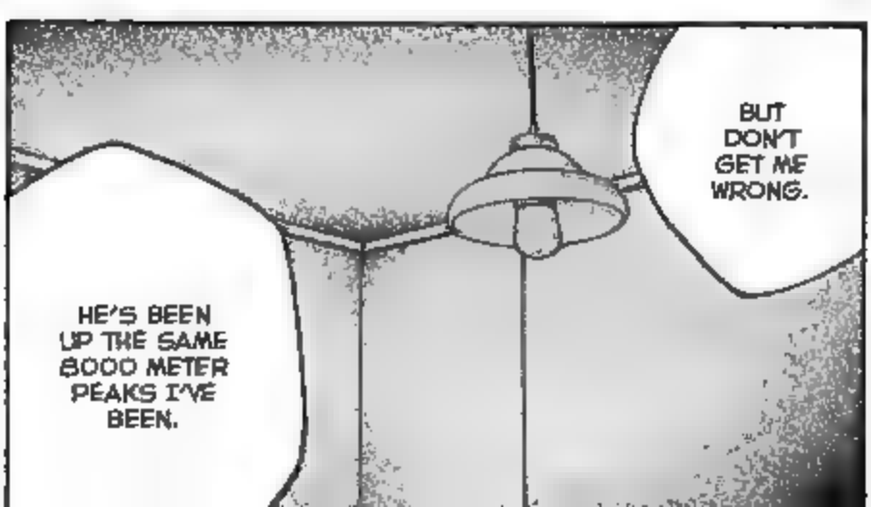
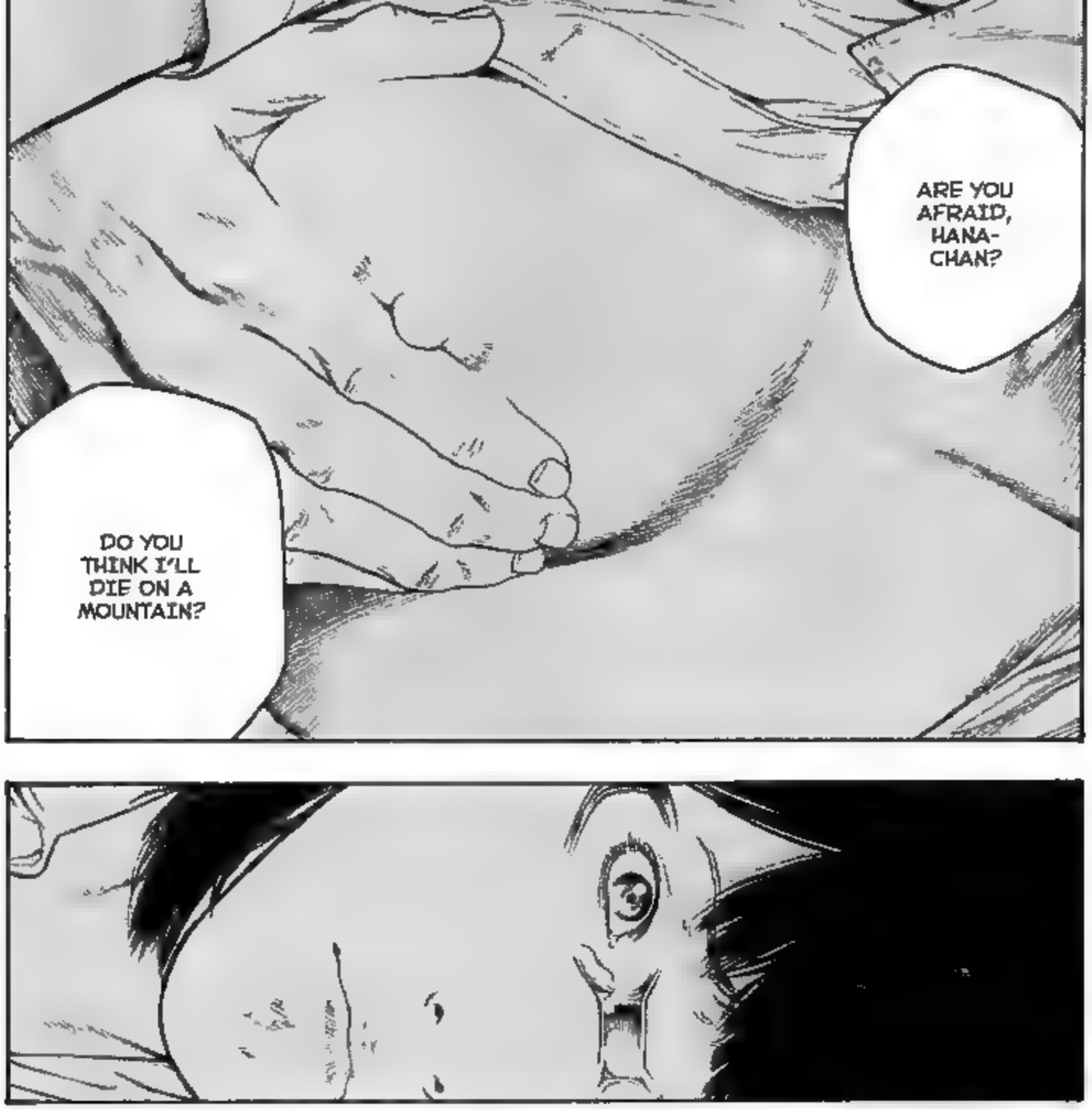
DID YOU GET A GOOD SHOT?
07/16 08:48

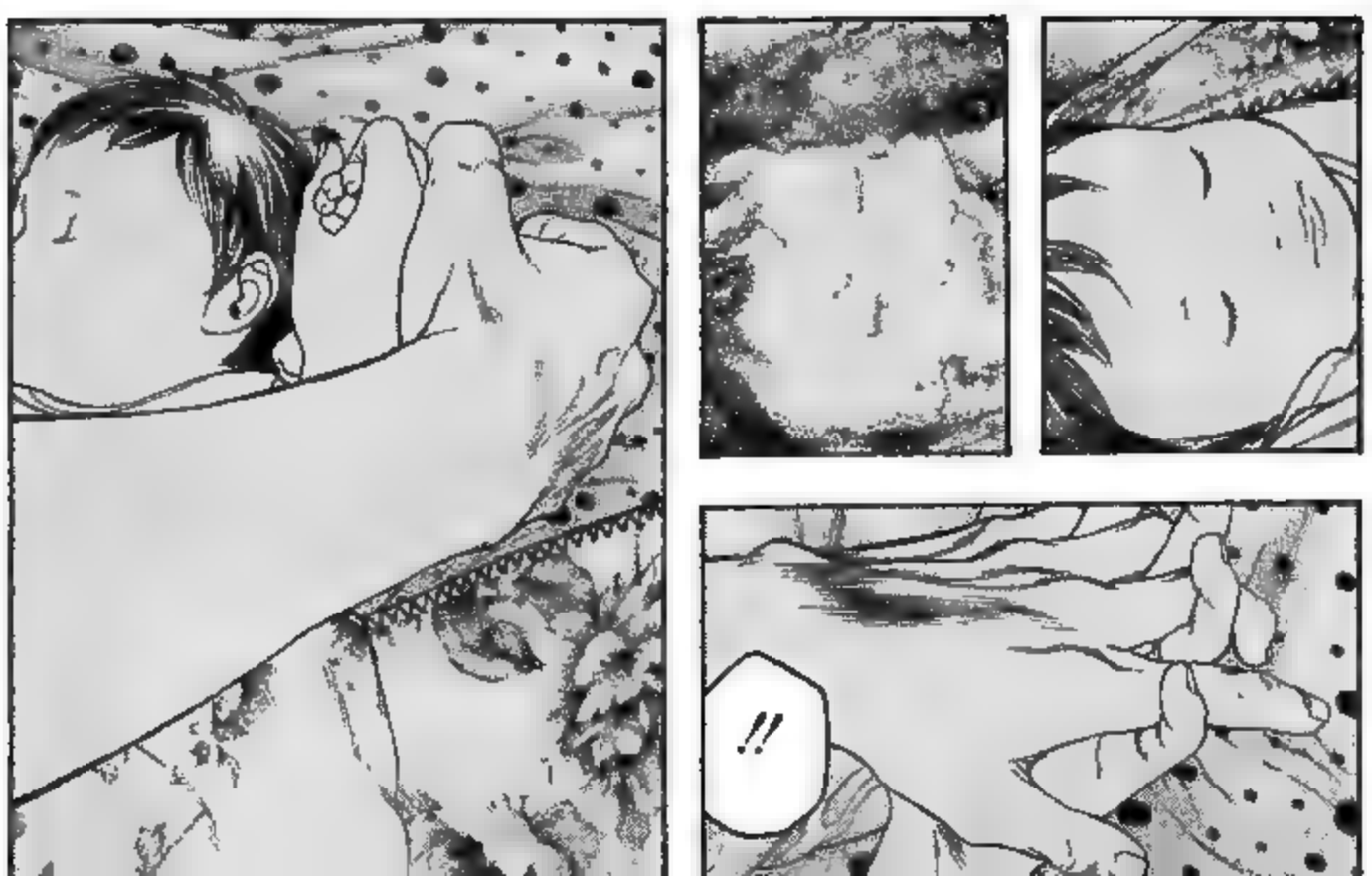

YEAH...

..HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON A MOUNTAIN WITH TAKEMURA-SAN BEFORE?

.NO.
THIS OVERSEAS MOUNTAIN WILL BE THE FIRST TIME.


BUT DON'T GET ME WRONG.
HE'S BEEN UP THE SAME 8000 METER PEAKS I'VE BEEN.


ARE YOU AFRAID, HANA-CHAN?
DO YOU THINK I'LL DIE ON A MOUNTAIN?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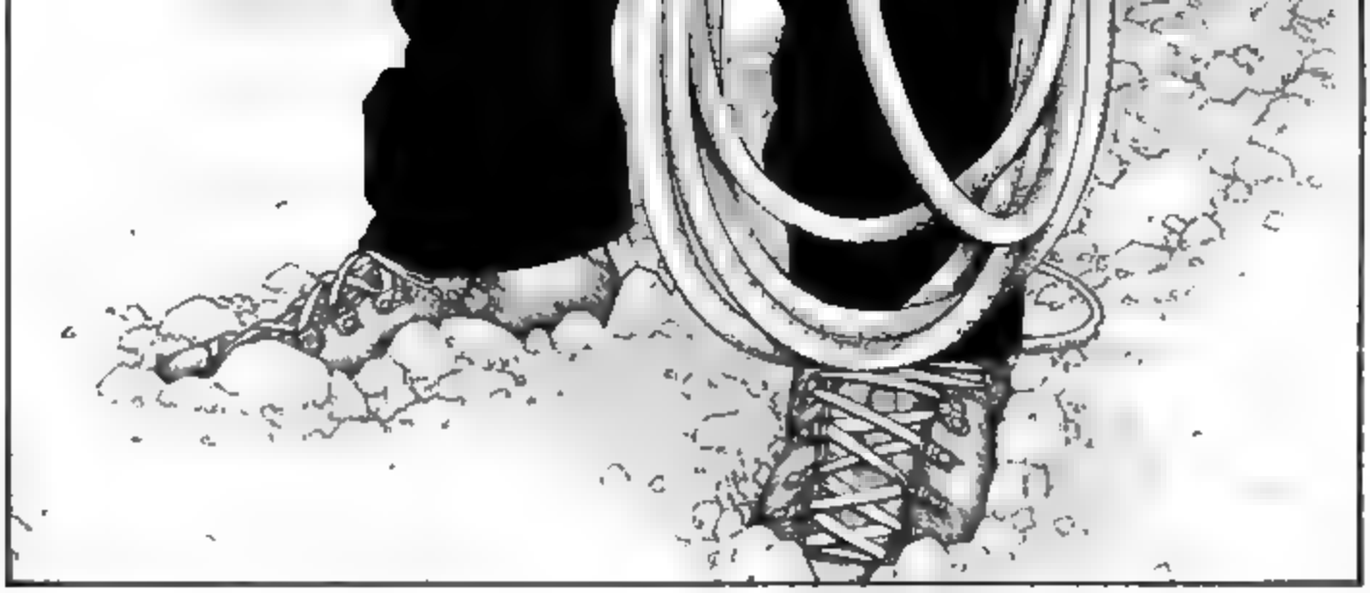
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK HERE ALIVE.



THIS
IS...

THE K2 EAST-FACE.
THE MOST DIFFICULT ICE WALL OF THIS 8611 METER HIGH PEAK...
...WHAT NOBODY IN HUMAN HISTORY HAS EVER MANAGED TO TOUCH.

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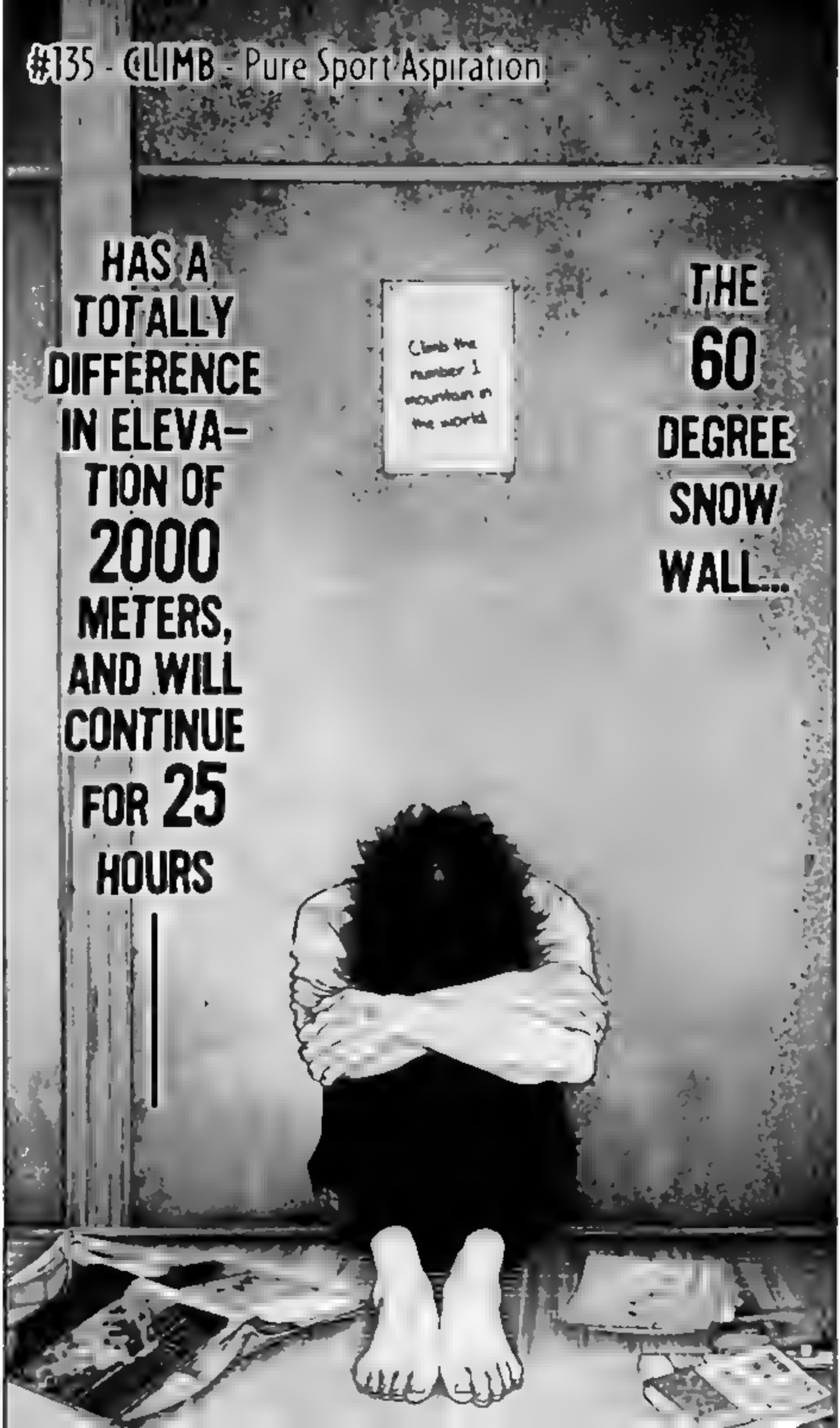

HAS A TOTALLY DIFFERENCE IN ELEVA-TION OF 2000 METERS, AND WILL CONTINUE FOR 25 HOURS
Climb the number 1 mountain in the world
THE 60 DEGREE SNOW WALL...

An everlasting monotonous climb...

In deeper patches the snow can reach your waist...
Forging a path in the snow won't be easy.

If the slope is low...

I'll climb on all fours...

高峰富士山剣ヶ峰

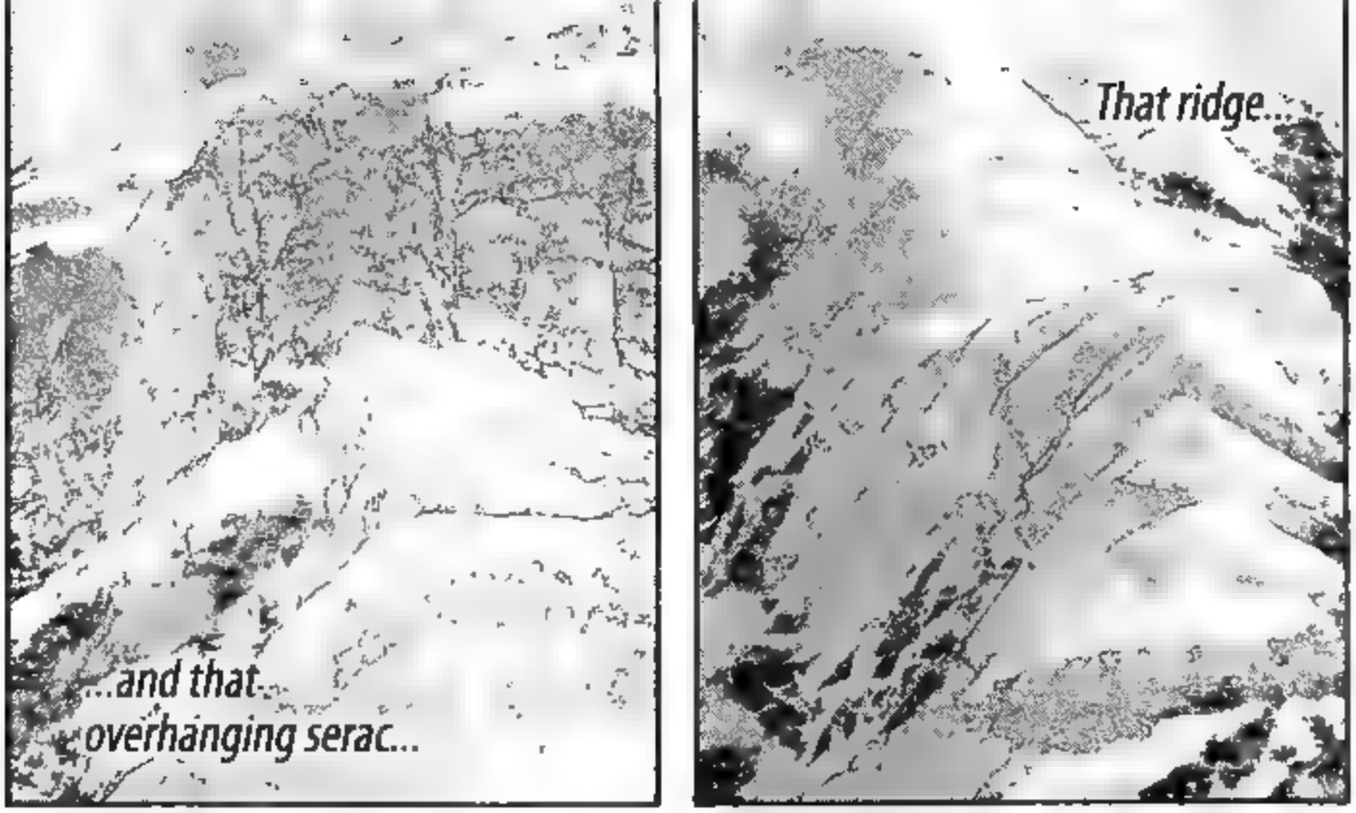
*T/N THE HIGHEST PEAK IN JAPAN, MOUNT FUJI KENGAMINE

If the snow gets blown off from those 60 degree areas,

I'll climb with my knees braced.

I'll take shelter in the snow until it dies out...

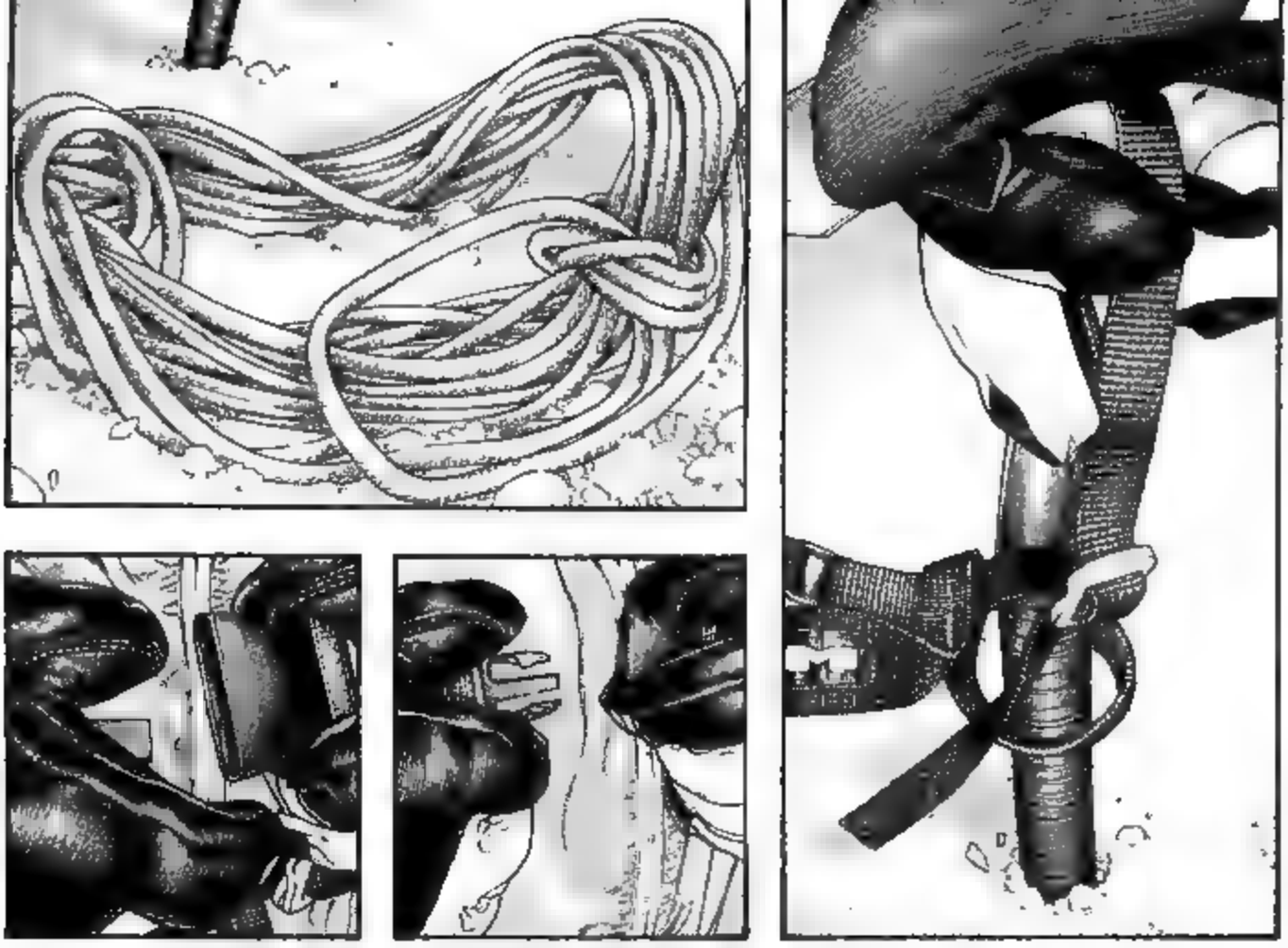
And if wind still gets to me,

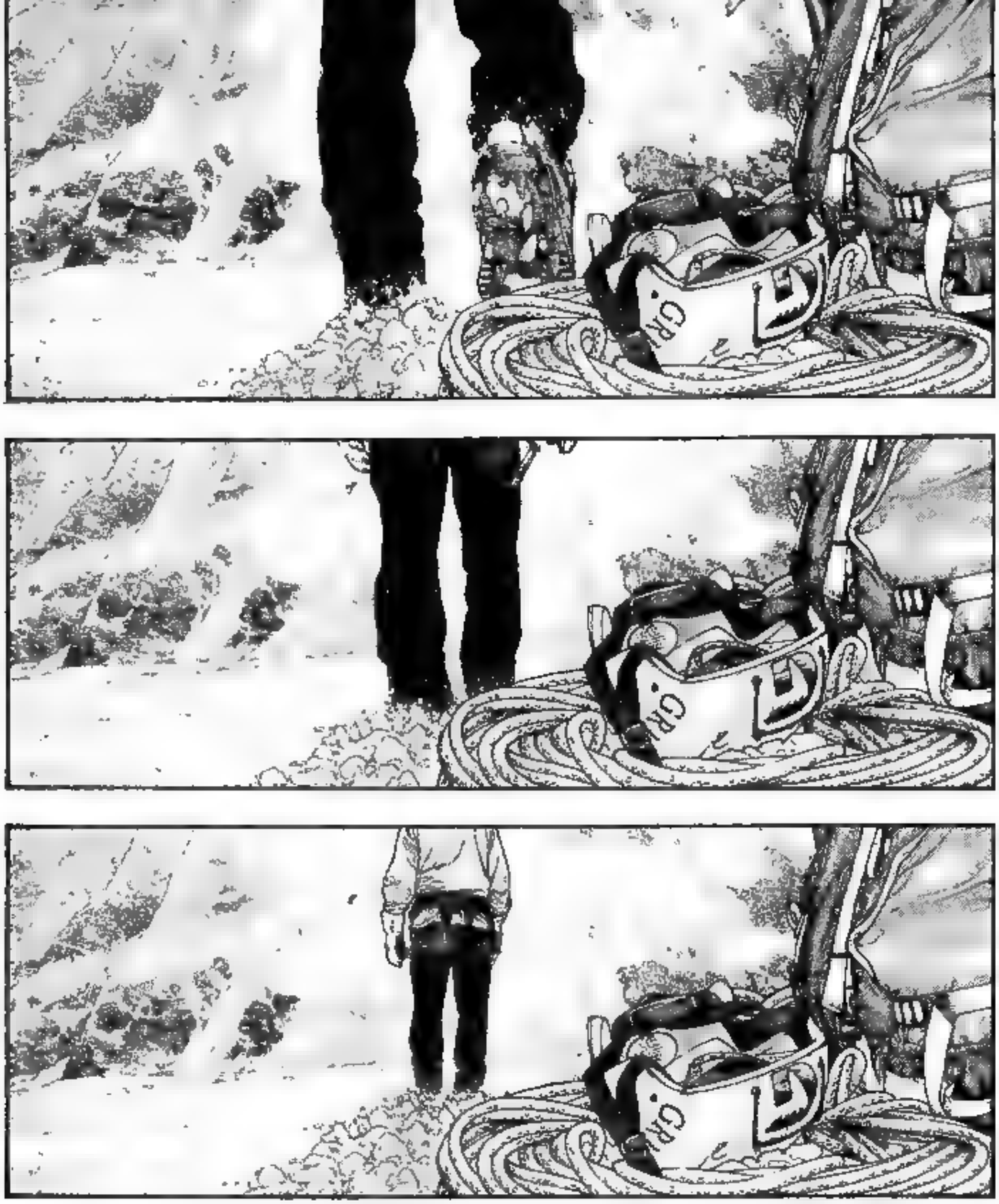

That ridge...
...and that overhanging serac...

They're probably past the snow field.
So is the head wall.

I ALREADY
KNOW IT
ALL...

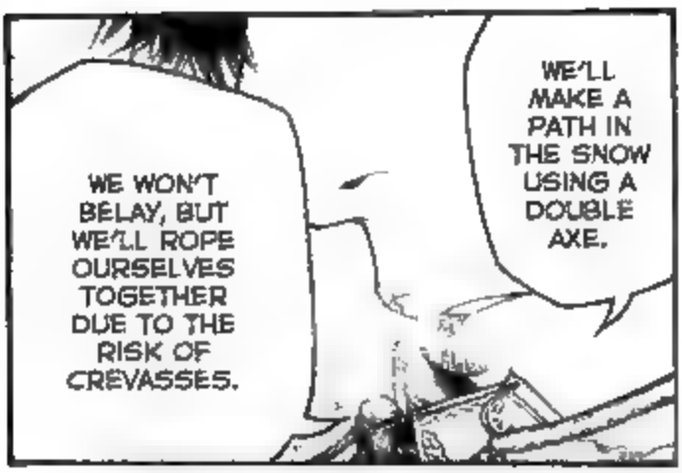
IT'S THE SAME K2 EAST-FACE...!!!
IT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN WALKING THROUGH IN MY HEAD ALL THIS TIME,





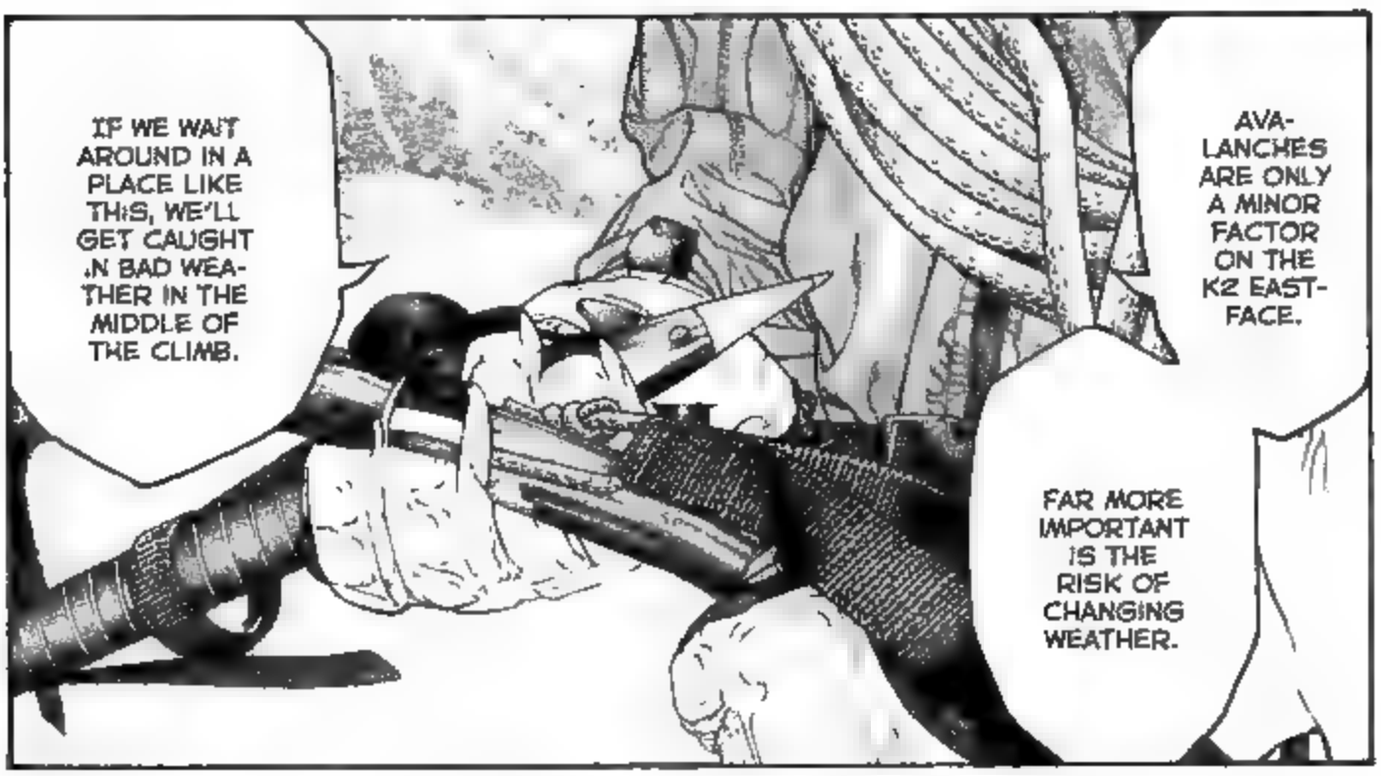
THEN WE DEPOSIT SOME SUP-PLIES AND DESCEND UNTIL WE CAN HANDLE IT...
AFTER THAT, WE TACKLE THE SUMMIT IN ONE HIT WITHIN 60 HOURS.

UP FIRST IS THE CLIMB TO 7,000 METERS TO ADAPT TO THE HIGH ELEVATION.


WE'LL MAKE A PATH IN THE SNOW USING A DOUBLE AXE.
WE WON'T BELAY, BUT WE'LL ROPE OURSELVES TOGETHER DUE TO THE RISK OF CREVASSES.

SO LET'S WAIT ON THE NORTHEAST RIDGE AS PLANNED, WHERE THE SUN IS OB-STRUCTED UNTIL THE AFTERNOON.
THE EAST-FACE WILL BECOME PRONE TO AVALANCHES, ONCE THE MORNING SUN HITS IT,
ONCE THE SNOW SURFACE GETS TENSE, WE'LL START ON IT...

SURE, THE SNOW MIGHT BE UNSTABLE BUT THE VALLEY WE'RE GOING THROUGH ISN'T IN THE SWATH OF THE AVA-LANCHES.
THE CENTER RIDGE IS SAFE.
IN THE AFTER-NOON? NO WAY...
EH?


IF WE WAIT AROUND IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, WE'LL GET CAUGHT IN BAD WEA-THER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CLIMB.
AVA-LANCHES ARE ONLY A MINOR FACTOR ON THE K2 EAST-FACE.
FAR MORE IMPORTANT IS THE RISK OF CHANGING WEATHER.

YEAH, BUT...

BUT OUR PLAN AT BASE CAMP...

I WON'T GET A GOOD PICTURE IF THE SUN IS DOWN.
SORRY...

WHEN A SERAC FROM 7,000 METERS FALLS, WON'T WE BE HIT DIRECTLY...!?
B...BUT TAKEMURA...!

WHO DO YOU THINK ORGANIZED THIS CLIMB!?
WHO GOT EVERYTHING FROM THE CLIMBING PERMIT TO GETTING THE PORTER...
.....!!!

*PHONE INCOMING ADACHI-SENSEI

HANA-KUN?
AH, DO YOU HAVE A PC WHERE YOU ARE NOW?
AH... YES?
HELLO... ADACHI-SENSEI?
A SEMINAR STUDENT JUST TOLD ME,
THERE'S SEEMS TO BE A WEB-SITE WHERE YOU CAN FOLLOW KATOU-KUN'S CLIMB!
EH?
I'LL SEND YOU THE LINK NOW.
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK, TOO?

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You can view it on my website.
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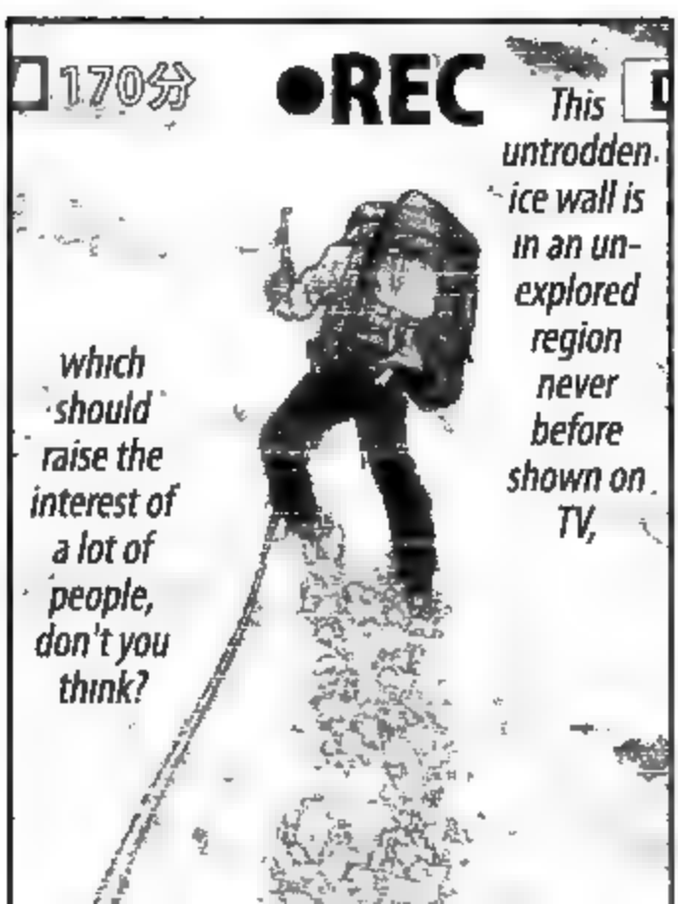
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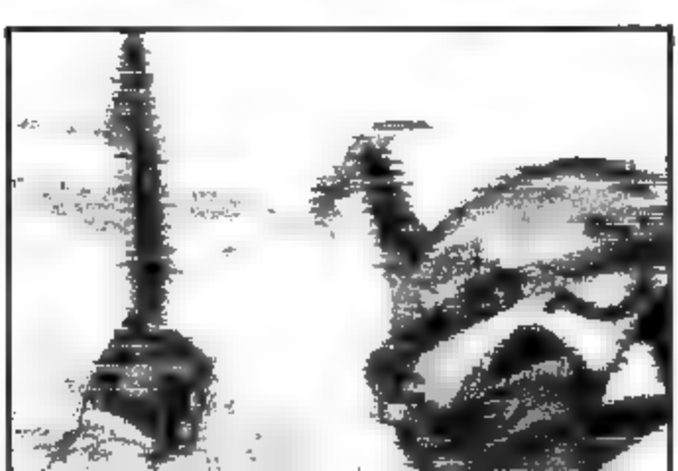
This untrodden ice wall is in an un-explored region never before shown on TV,
which should raise the interest of a lot of people, don't you think?

It seems the viewer counter is already past 50,000.



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People from all over the world...
...can see how amazing we are...!
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HD
But, isn't this good?
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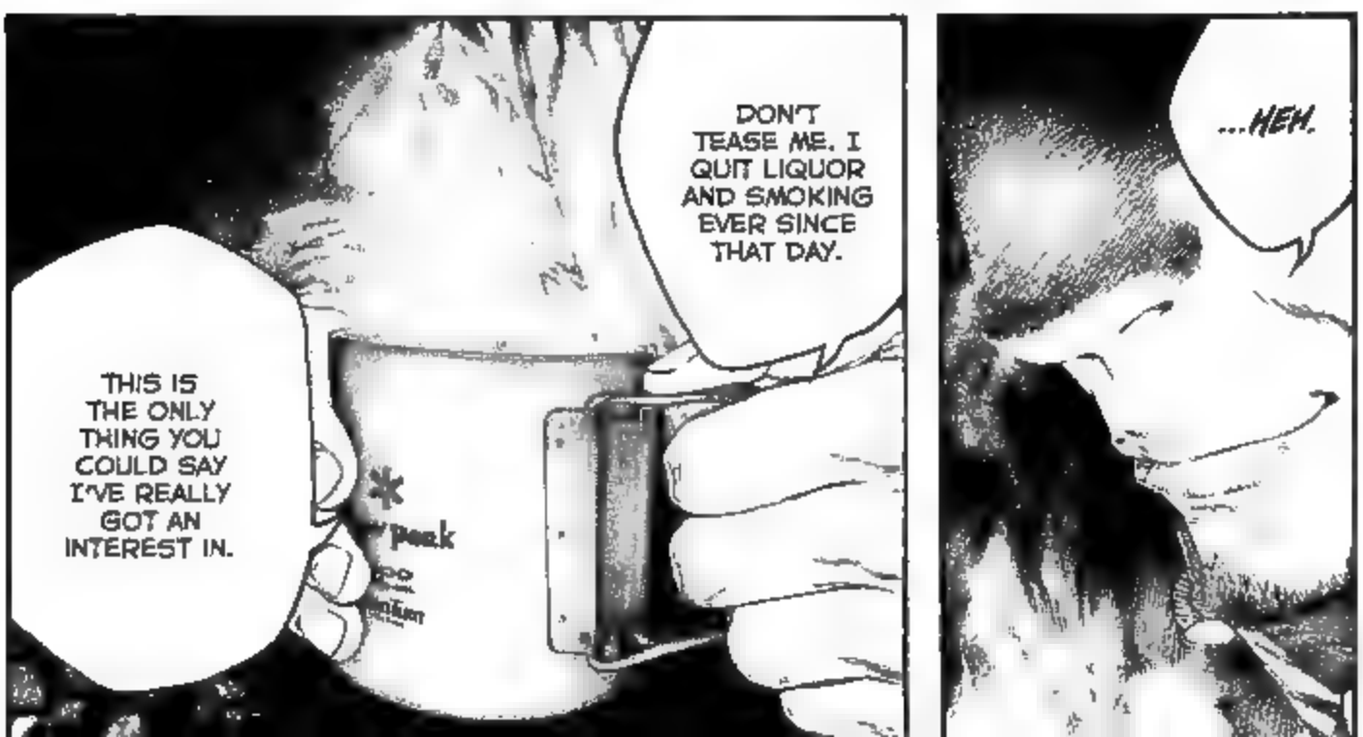
#136 - CLIMB - High Pressure

snow peak
300
titanium
MMMM.
DELICIOUS

I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO GRIND THESE QUALITY BEANS I BROUGHT FROM HOME.
snow peak
300
titanium
NO NEED TO HOLD BACK, YOU DRINK UP, TOO.


THIS IS THE ONLY THING YOU COULD SAY I'VE REALLY GOT AN INTEREST IN.
DON'T TEASE ME. I QUIT LIQUOR AND SMOKING EVER SINCE THAT DAY.
...HEH.

IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS, EH...?
THOSE YEARS FLY BY, TOO.

...YEAH. THAT'S THE MOUNTAIN OF HIS DESTINY.

THAT INTRO-VERTED HIGH SCHOOL KID BECAME A FATHER. .
LANDED A JOB AND HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST RES-PECTED CLIMBERS OF JAPAN..

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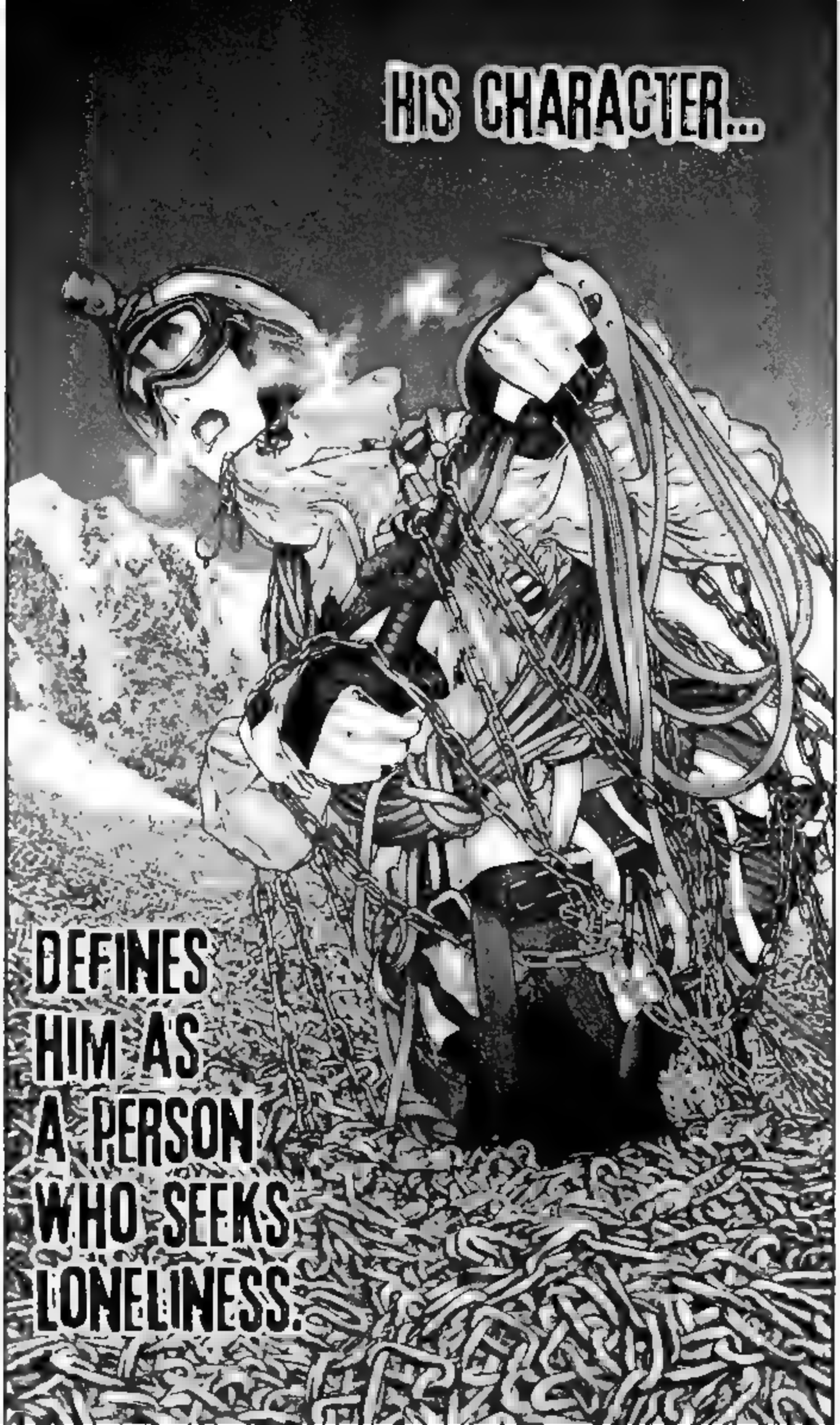
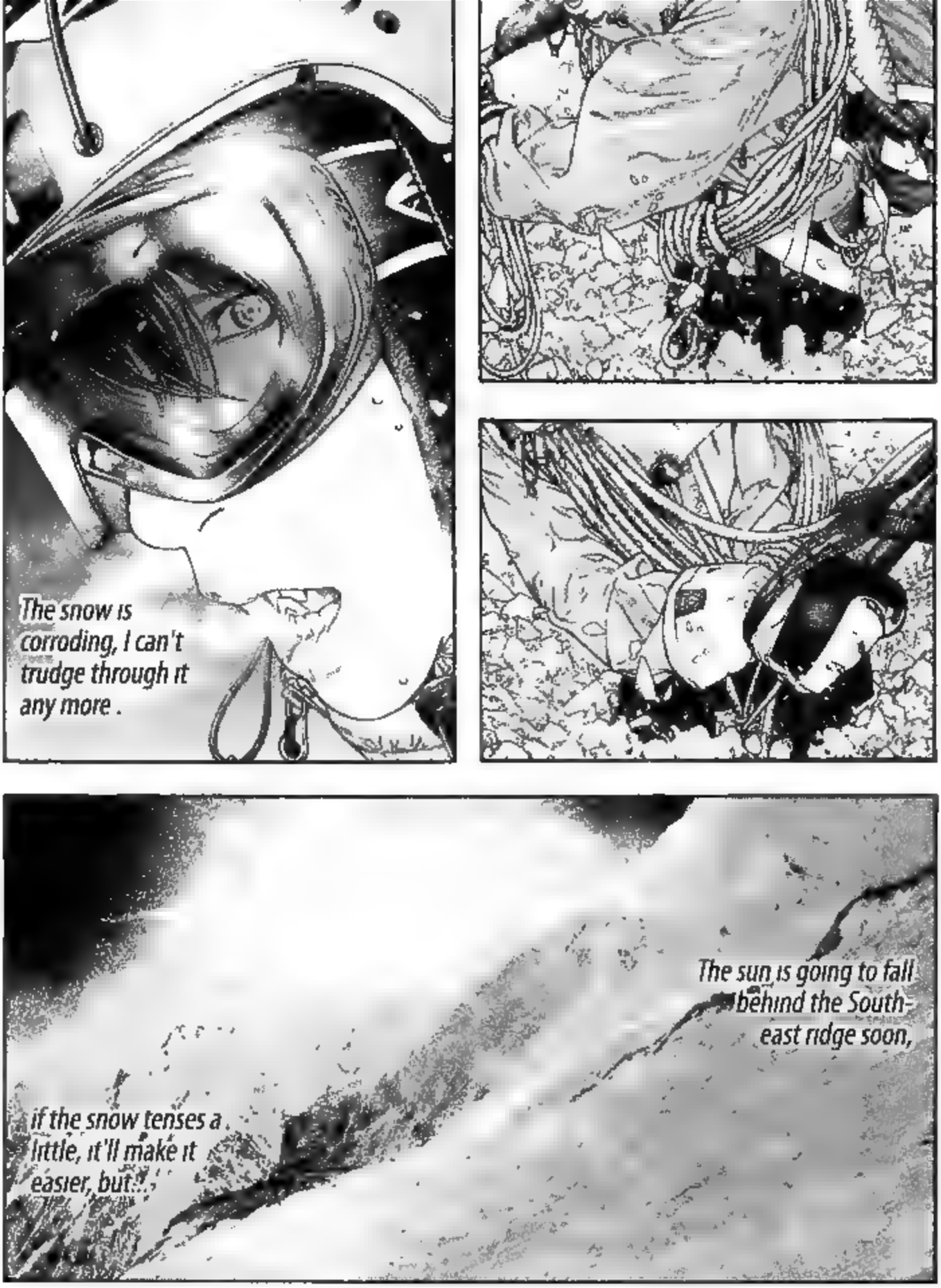
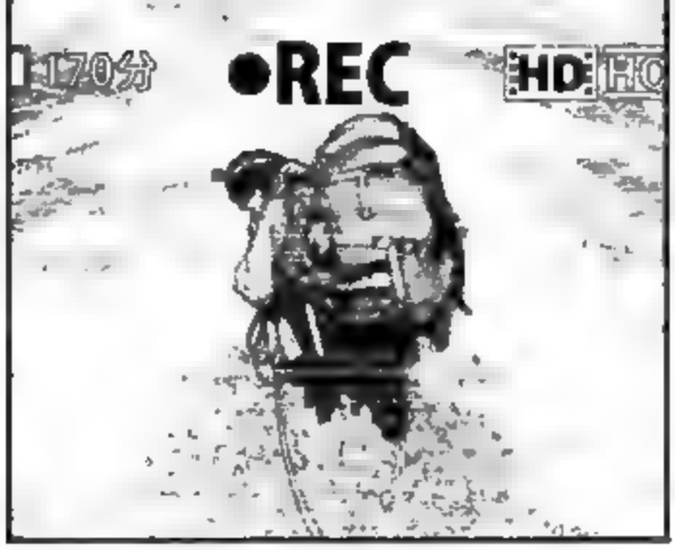
ON THAT YARI MOUNTAIN HE SEPARATED HIMSELF FROM THE PUBLIC...
AND CHOSE THE PATH CALLED "SOLO CLIMBING" WHERE HE'S NOT UNDERSTOOD BY ANYONE...


HIS CHARACTER...
DEFINES HIM AS A PERSON WHO SEEKS LONELINESS.


The snow is corroding, I can't trudge through it any more .
The sun is going to fall behind the South-east ridge soon,
if the snow tenses a little, it'll make it easier, but...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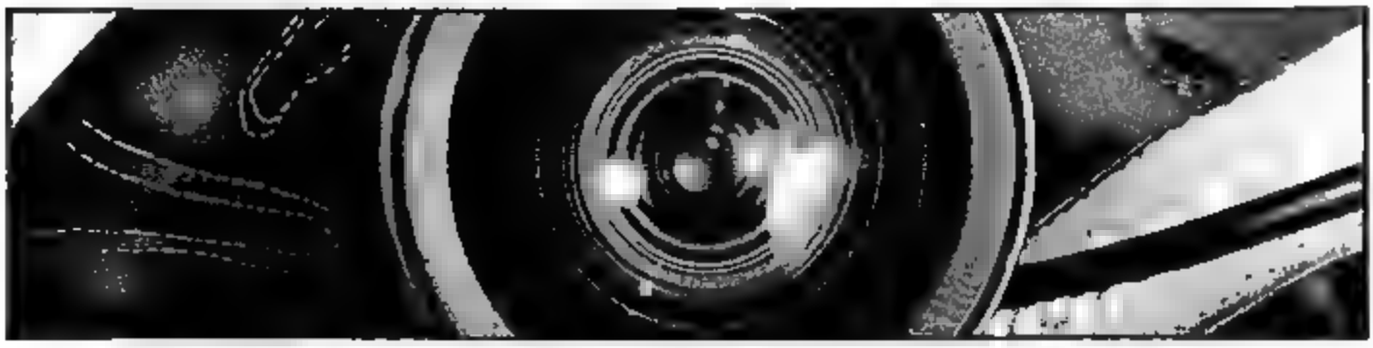

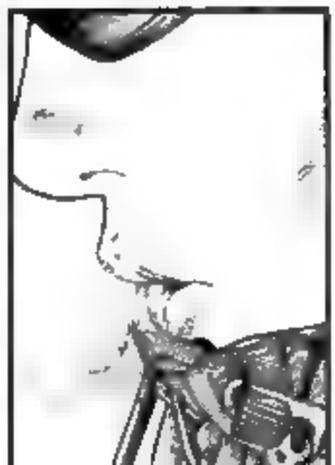

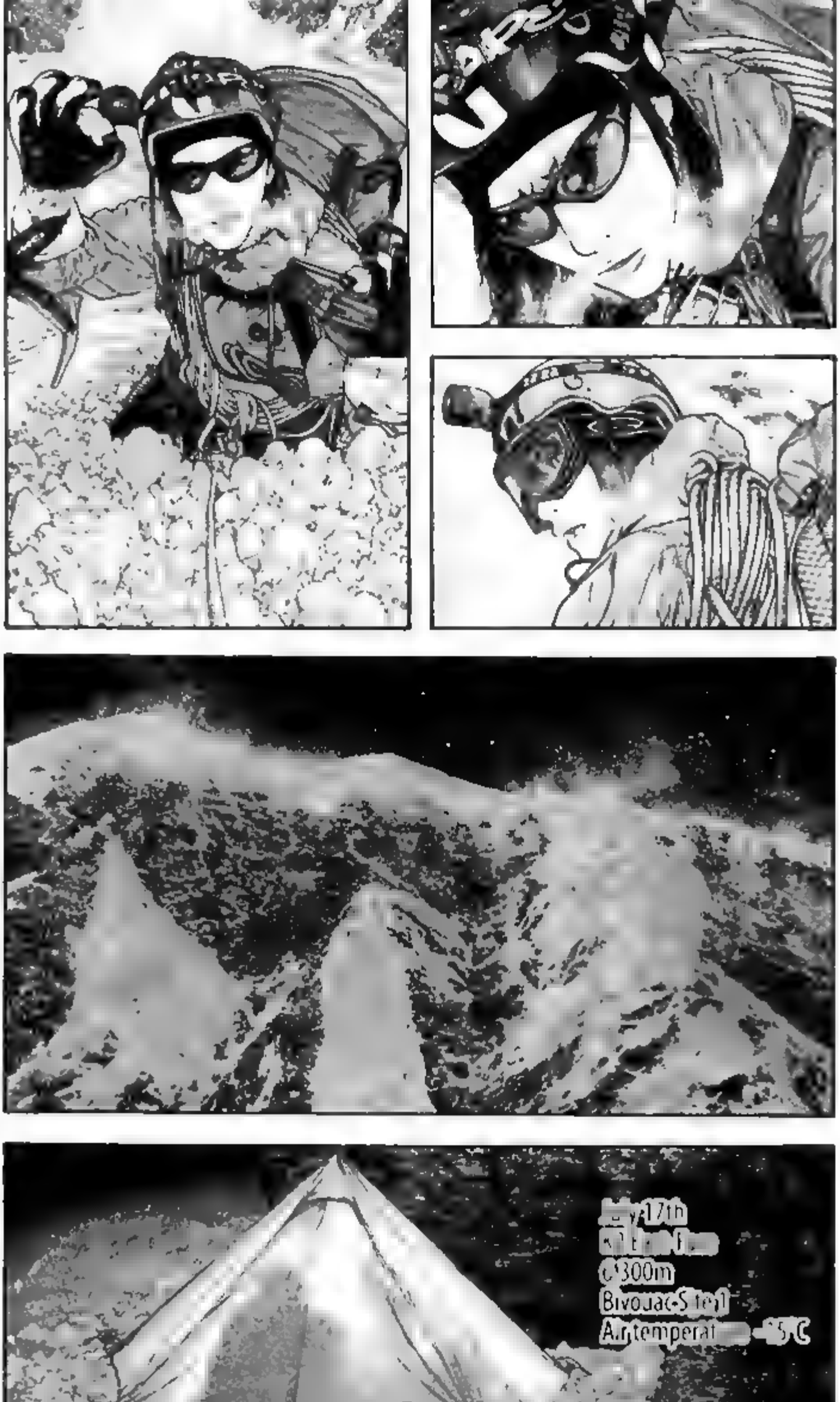
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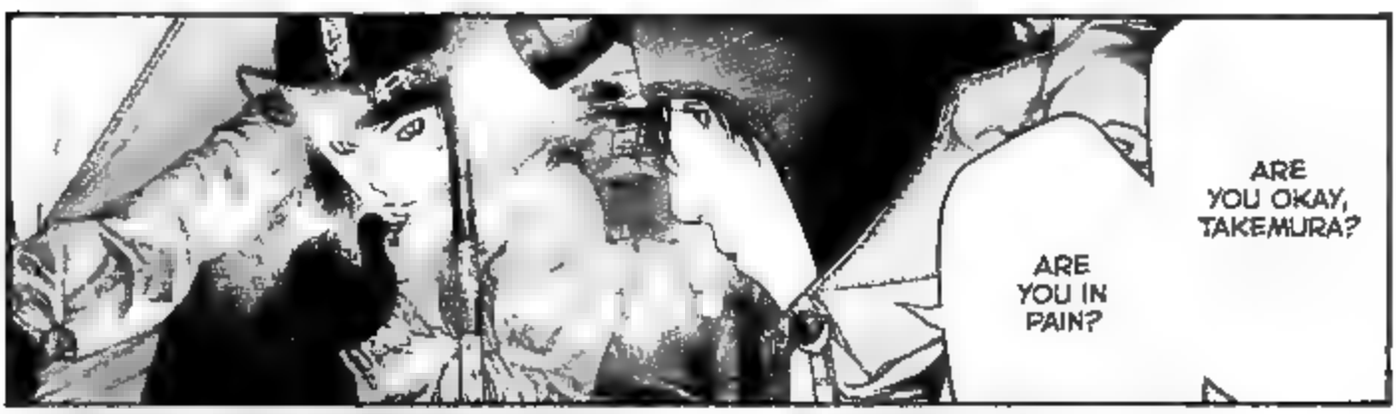
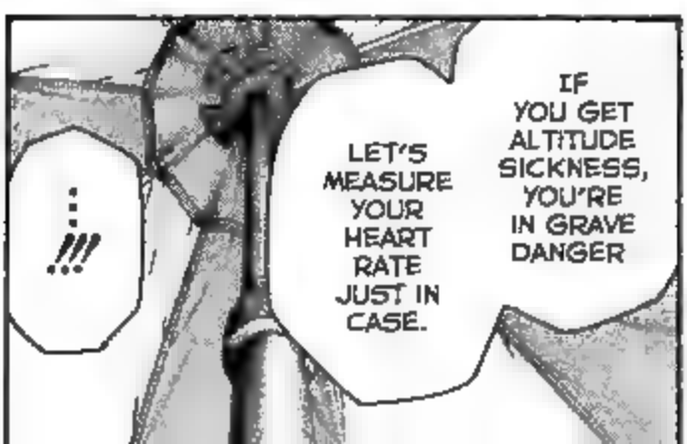
Air temperat
-5°C


ARE YOU OKAY, TAKEMURA?
ARE YOU IN PAIN?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M FINE.


IF YOU GET ALTITUDE SICKNESS, YOU'RE IN GRAVE DANGER
LET'S MEASURE YOUR HEART RATE JUST IN CASE.
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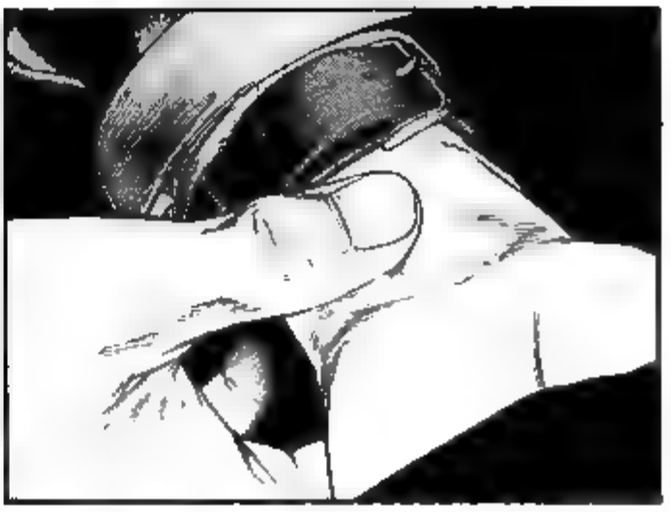
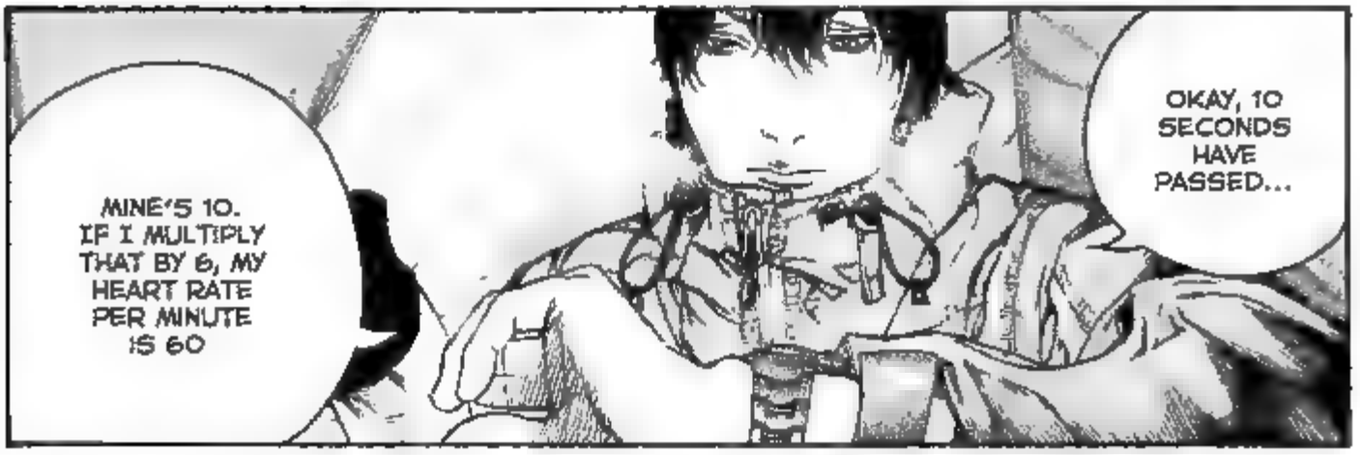
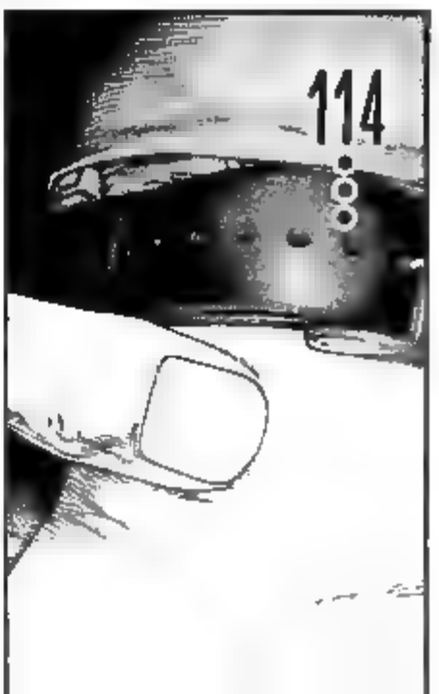



MINE'S 10. IF I MULTIPLY THAT BY 6, MY HEART RATE PER MINUTE IS 60
OKAY, 10 SECONDS HAVE PASSED...

I'VE GOT 66...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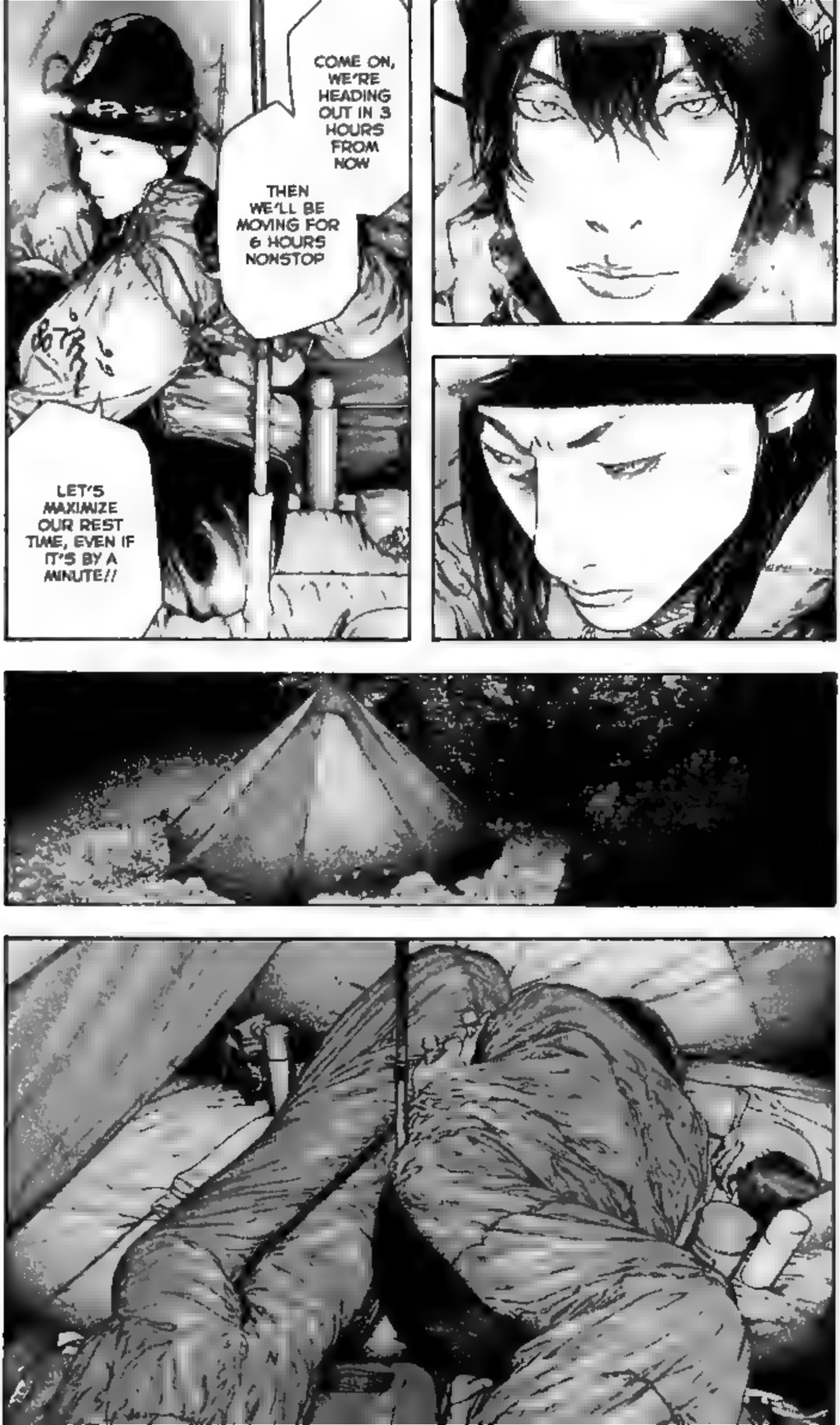
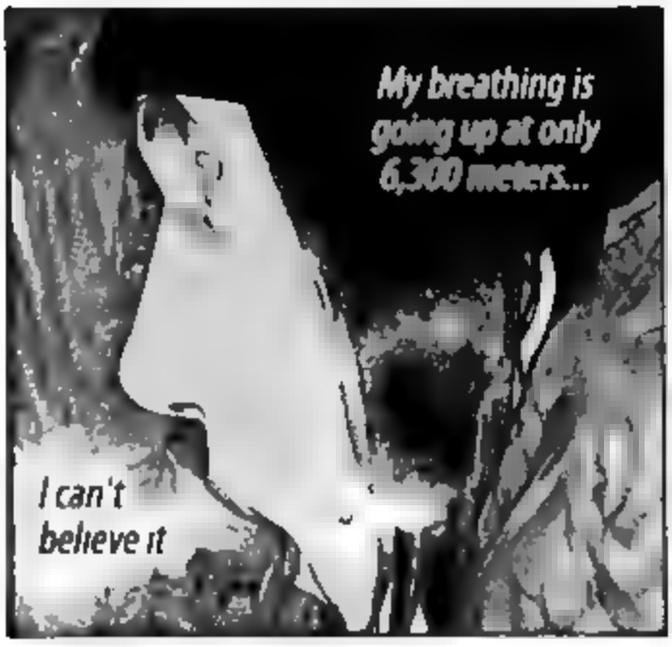
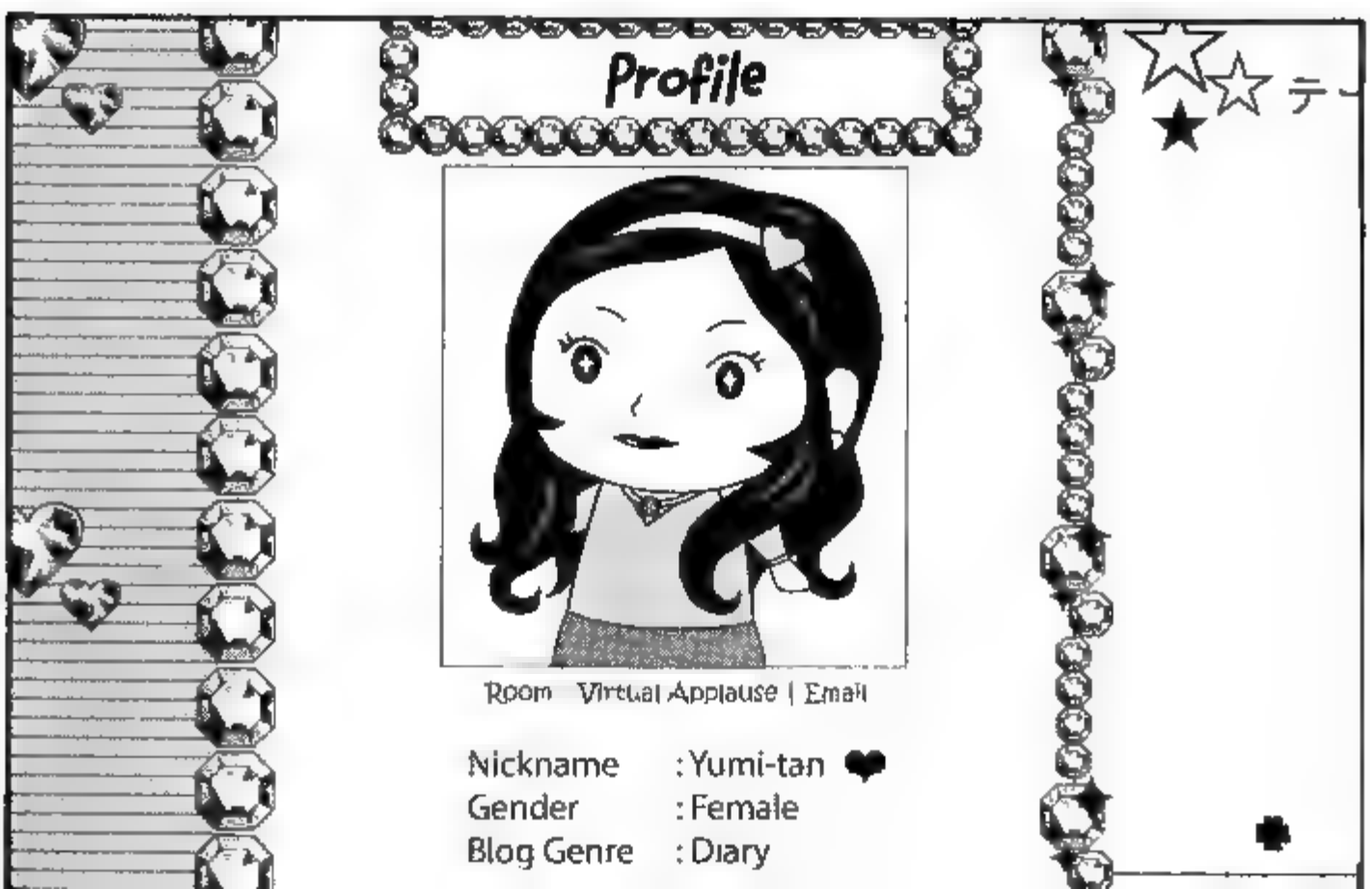

COME ON, WE'RE HEADING OUT IN 3 HOURS FROM NOW
THEN WE'LL BE MOVING FOR 6 HOURS NONSTOP
LET'S MAXIMIZE OUR REST TIME, EVEN IF IT'S BY A MINUTE!!


My breathing is going up at only 6,300 meters...
I can't believe it

My breathing rhythm s out of whack The amount of oxygen I'm absorbing is going down
When I'm filming, I need to hold my breath in order to prevent the picture from blurring.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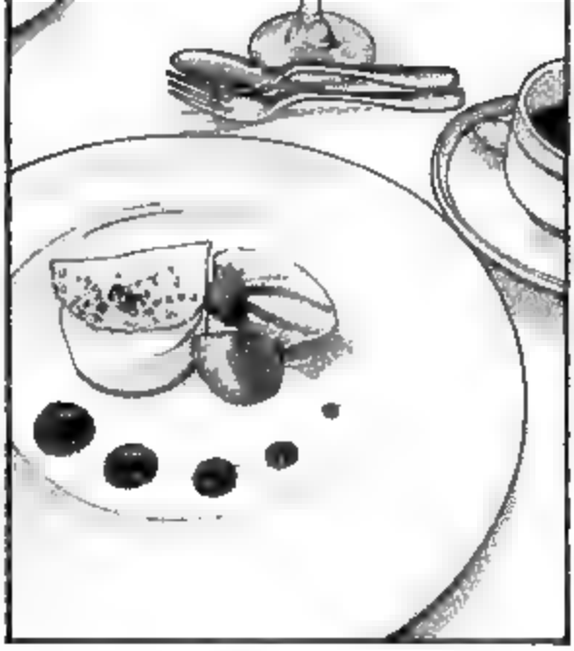

Takatori Mountain Jougasaki Climbing Yumi

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But just as I reported, with me being pregnant, I didn't actually climb it. Don't worry (^_^)V

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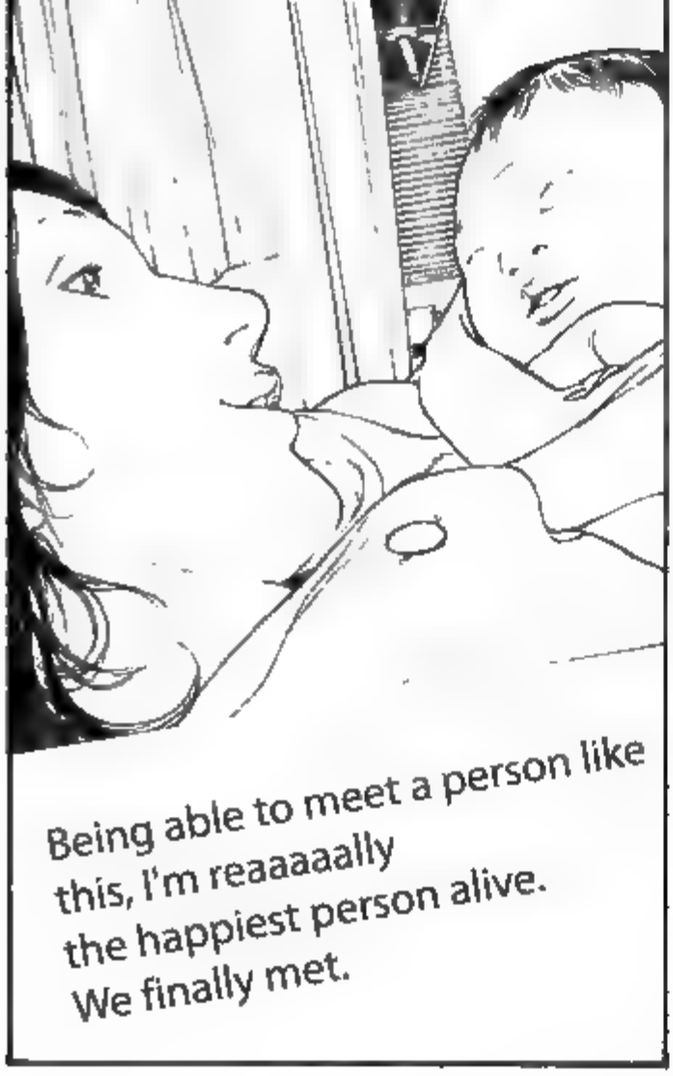
I went to Takatori Mountain

Yumi-tan's home-sweet-home diary.

I went to the reunion with the climbing club back from high school! It's the first time I've been to Taketori Mountain in a while. It was scary...



Being able to meet a person like this, I'm reaaaaally the happiest person alive. We finally met.

Pregnant

The labor pains are here.

The whole time, my darling was holding my hand, that made me happy.

Ki-tan is already so huge. She'll be born in just one more month. I'm so nervous...

I'm a mama. A~ I'm truly... happy.

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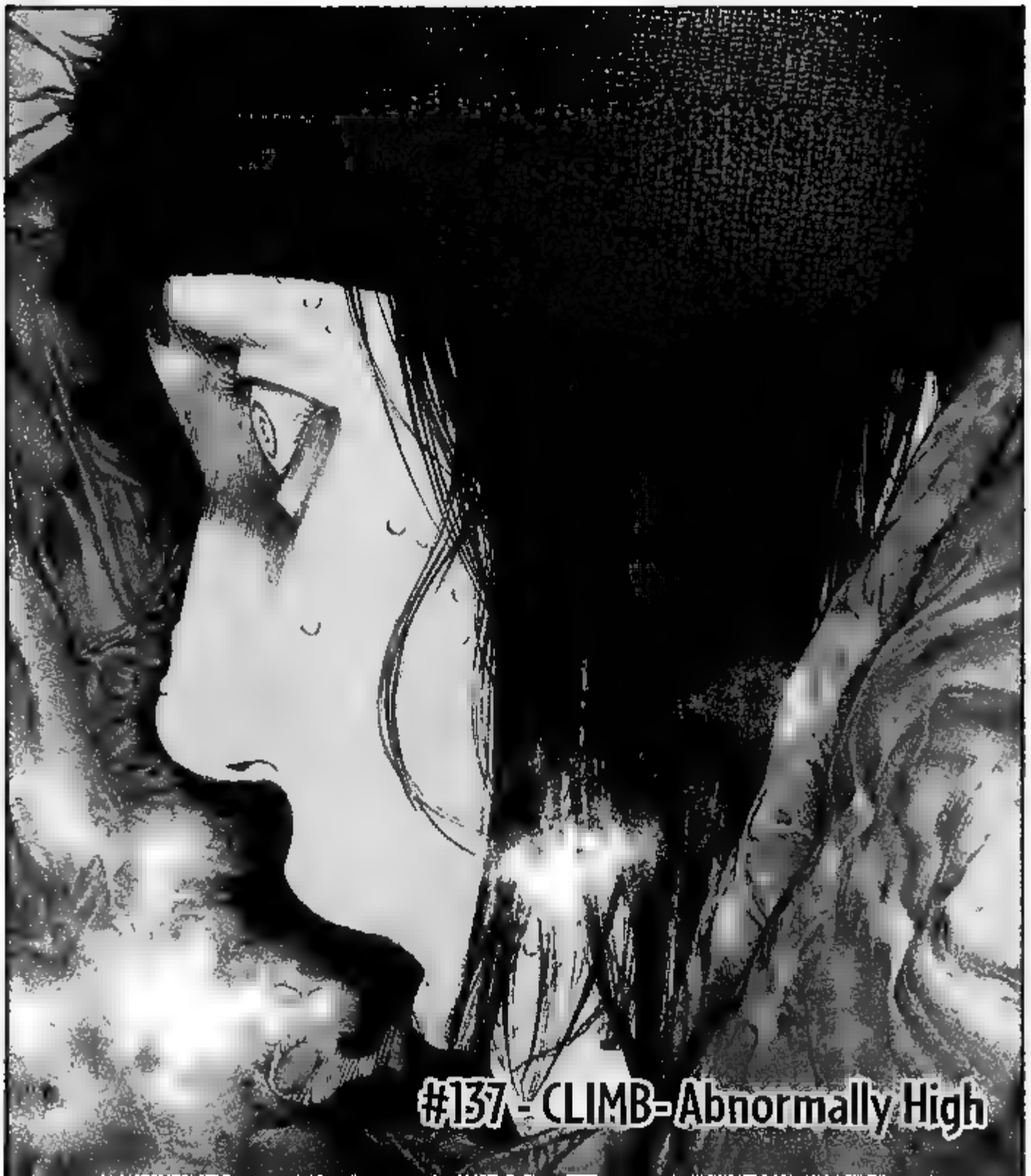
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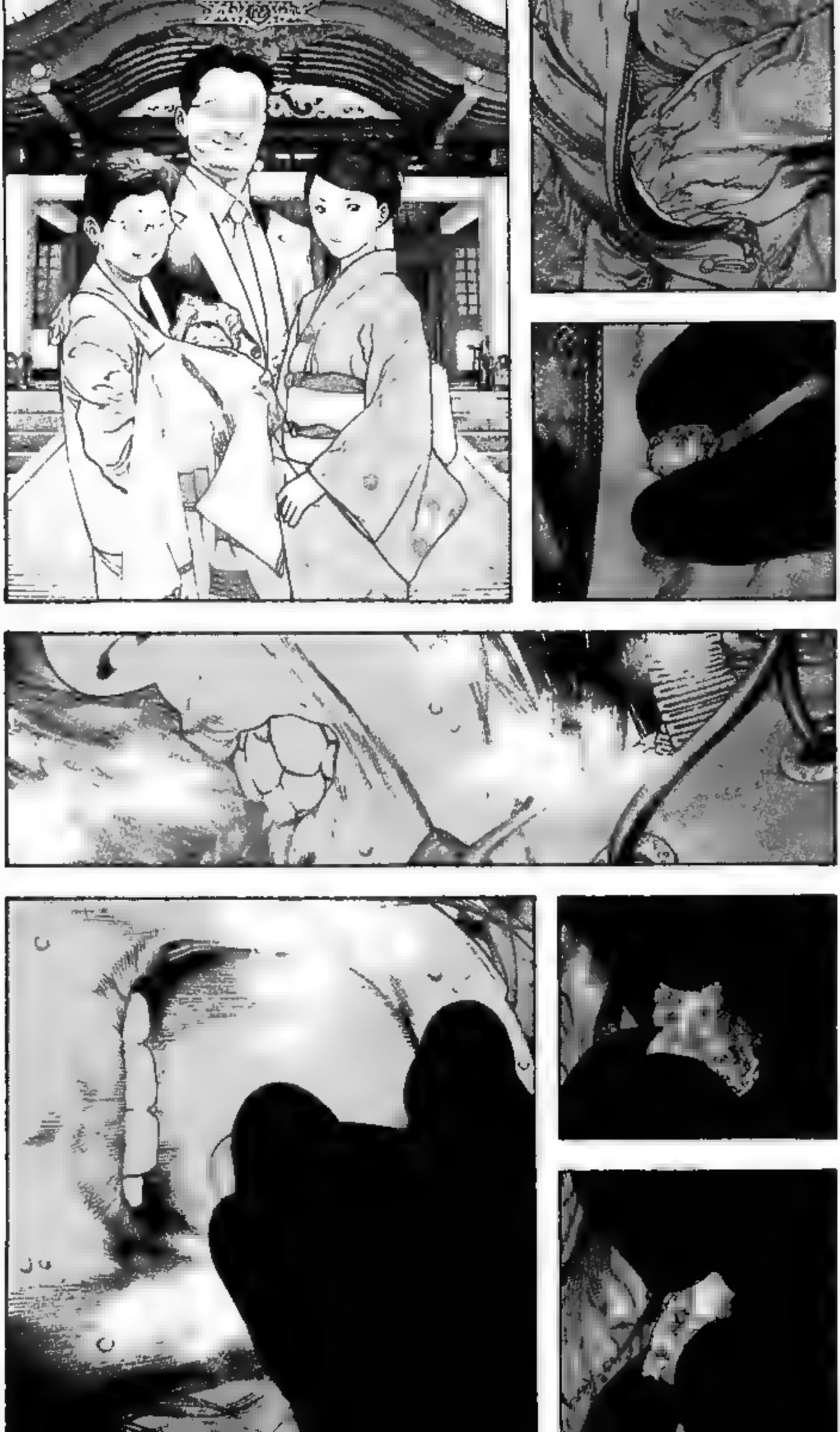

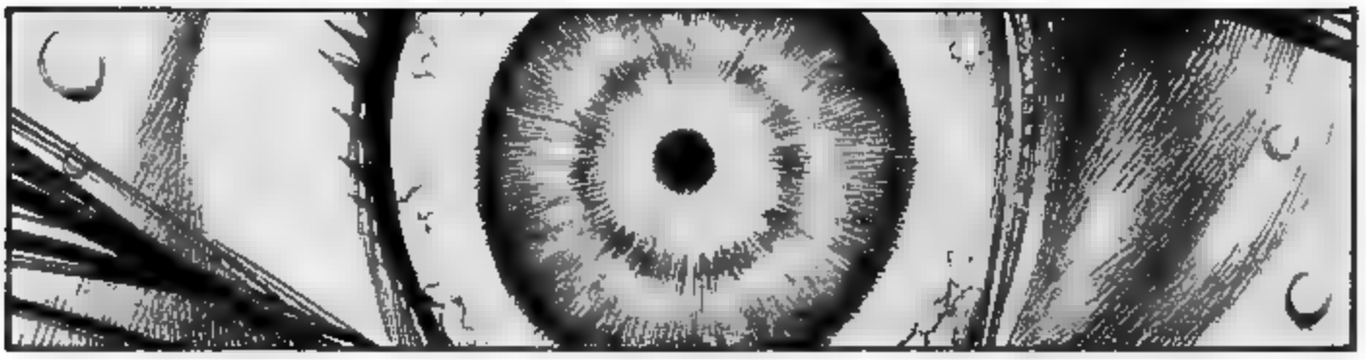

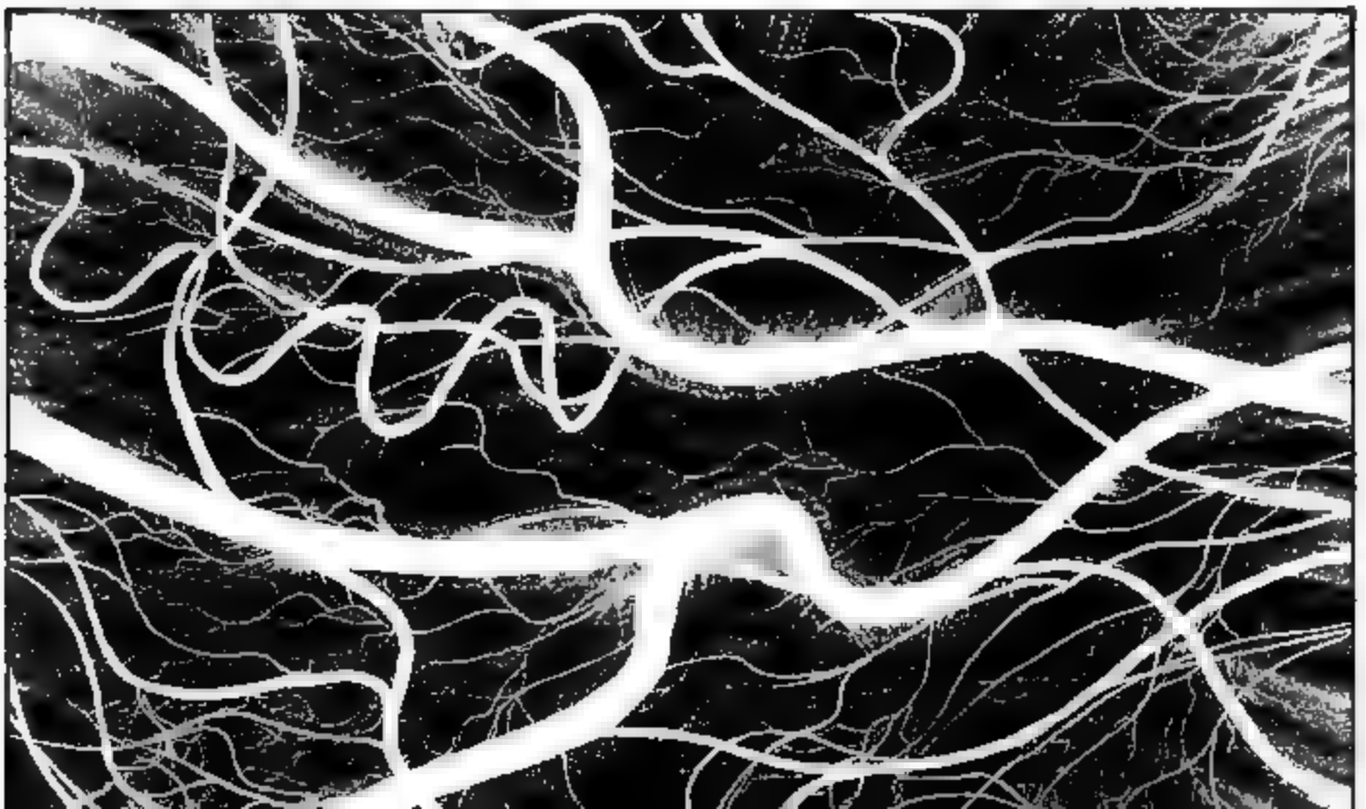

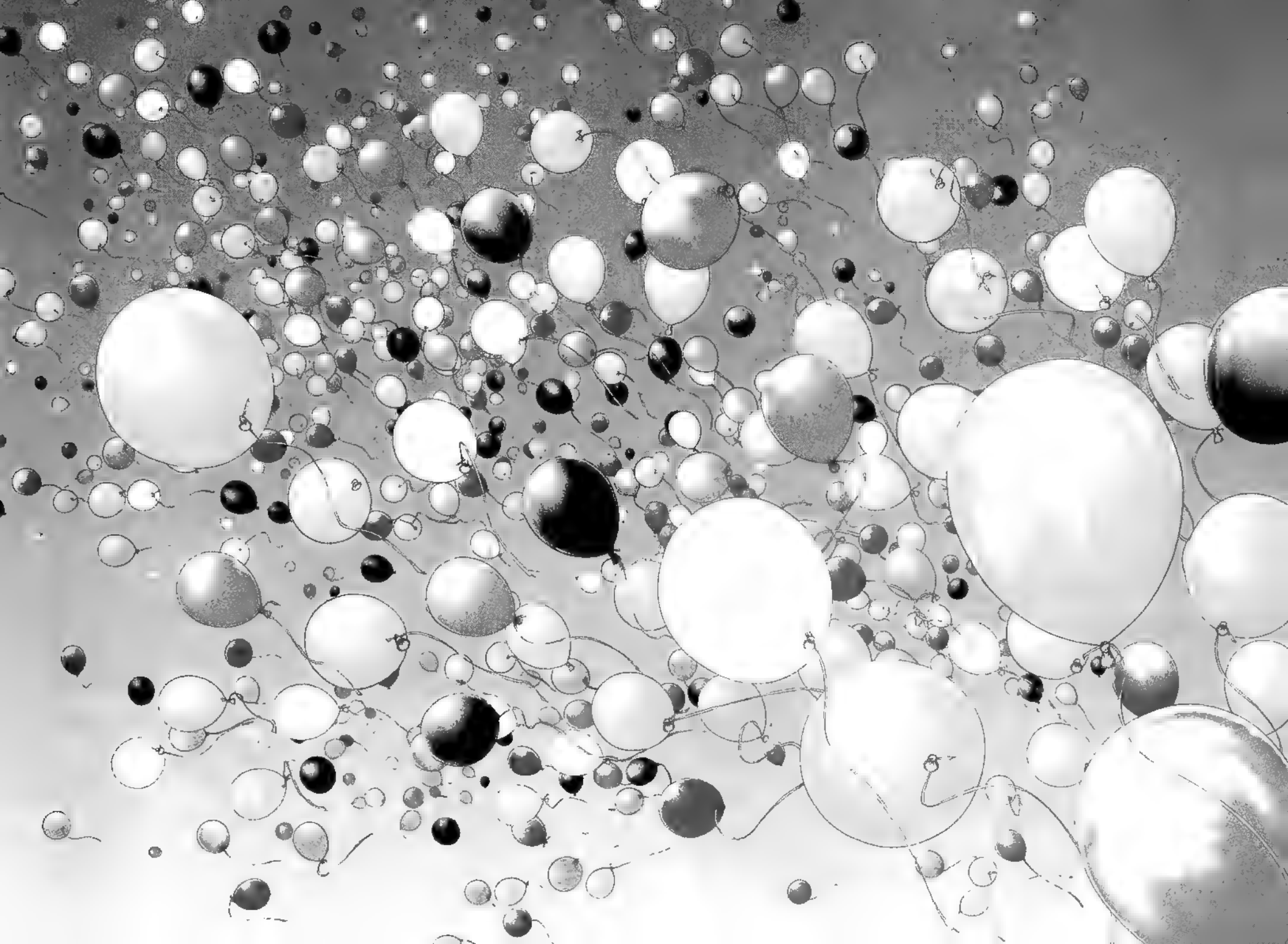

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K2 East-Face
Bivouac Site 1

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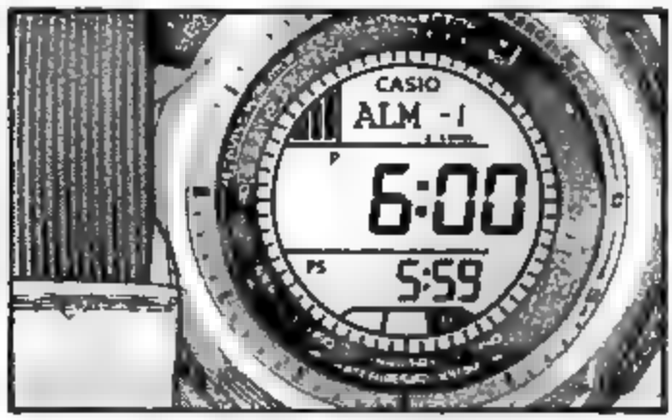
6:00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GOOD MORNING, SENPAI.
HURRY UP AND GET READY, OKAY?

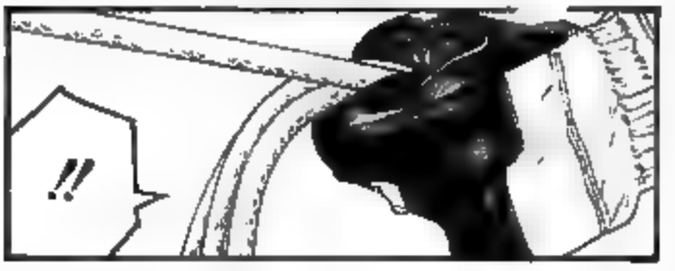
8...

9...

10...

We've already passed the highest point reached by the Australian team at 6600 meters...?

DON'T OVERDO IT, YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST!
STICK TO THE PACE!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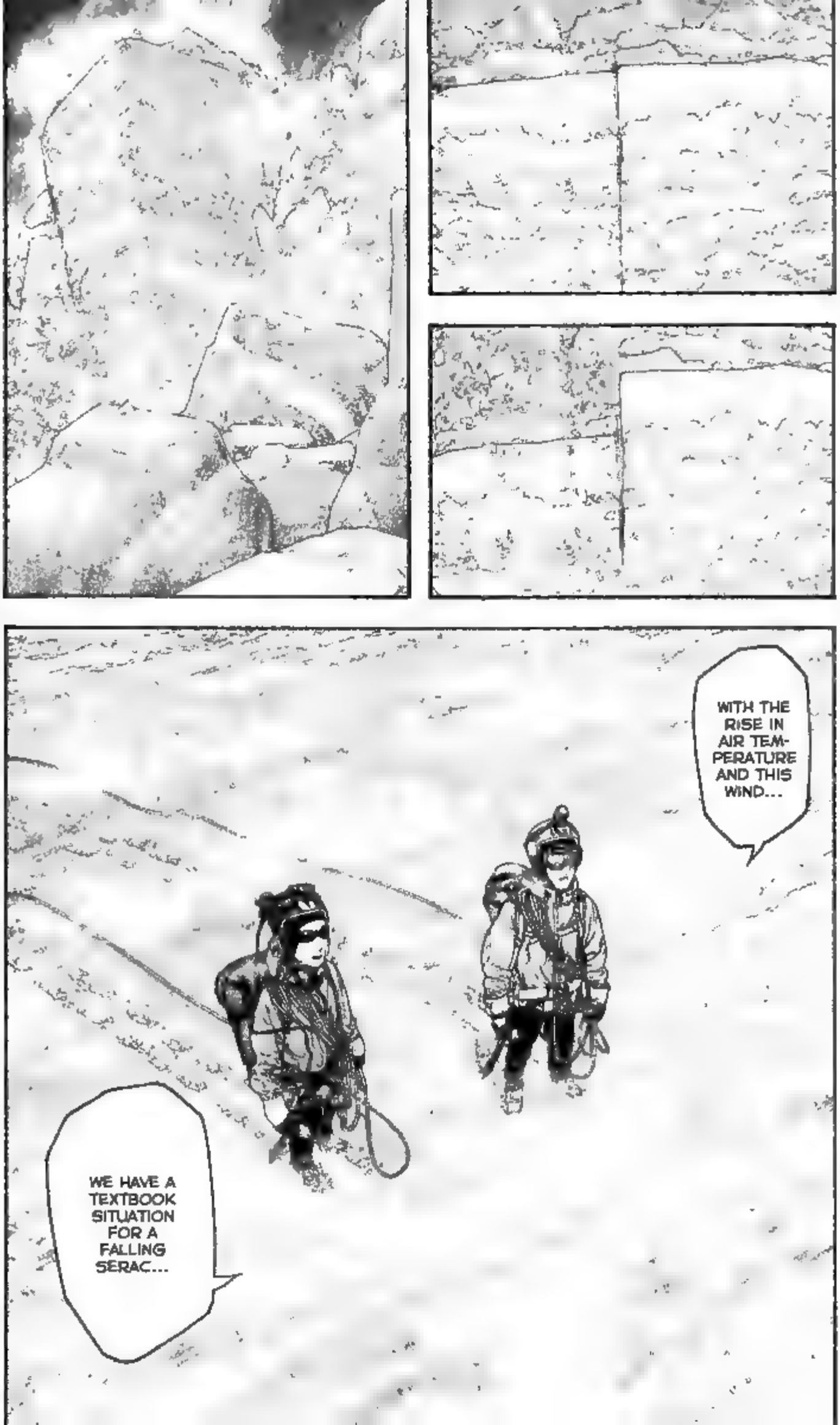
macpac
OI, TAKE-MURA!

What on earth is going on with him...!!?
He's totally different from what he's usually like.
We should be holding a pace with a break every ten steps, but he's doing twenty, if not thirty steps nonstop.

It's so easy to breathe!
It's light!

My blood vessels have expanded, thanks to that Viagra I took yesterday.
Moving at nearly 7000 meters elevation without the fear of altitude sickness...!

I have to make a break for the upper limit before time runs out!
But one dose of this medicine only lasts for one day.


WITH THE RISE IN AIR TEMPERATURE AND THIS WIND...
WE HAVE A TEXTBOOK SITUATION FOR A FALLING SERAC...

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15:05
JUST UNDER 7000M, HUH...?
I THINK WE REALLY SHOULD DEPOSIT FOOD SUPPLIES HERE, AND DESCEND FOR NOW UNTIL WE CAN CLIMB THIS FROM GETTING ADAPTED TO THE ALTITUDE...
I WANTED TO CONTINUE UP TO 7500 METER, BUT..
THIS BAR OF SERACS WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO CLIMB OR DESCEND IT'S NEARLY LIKE A MAZE AND IT'LL BE VERY TIRING.

IT'S ONLY ANOTHER 500, ISN'T IT...?

W...WAIT, TAKEMURA, ARE YOU FOR REAL!?
IT TAKES AT LEAST 9 HOURS EVEN TO CLIMB 700 METERS!

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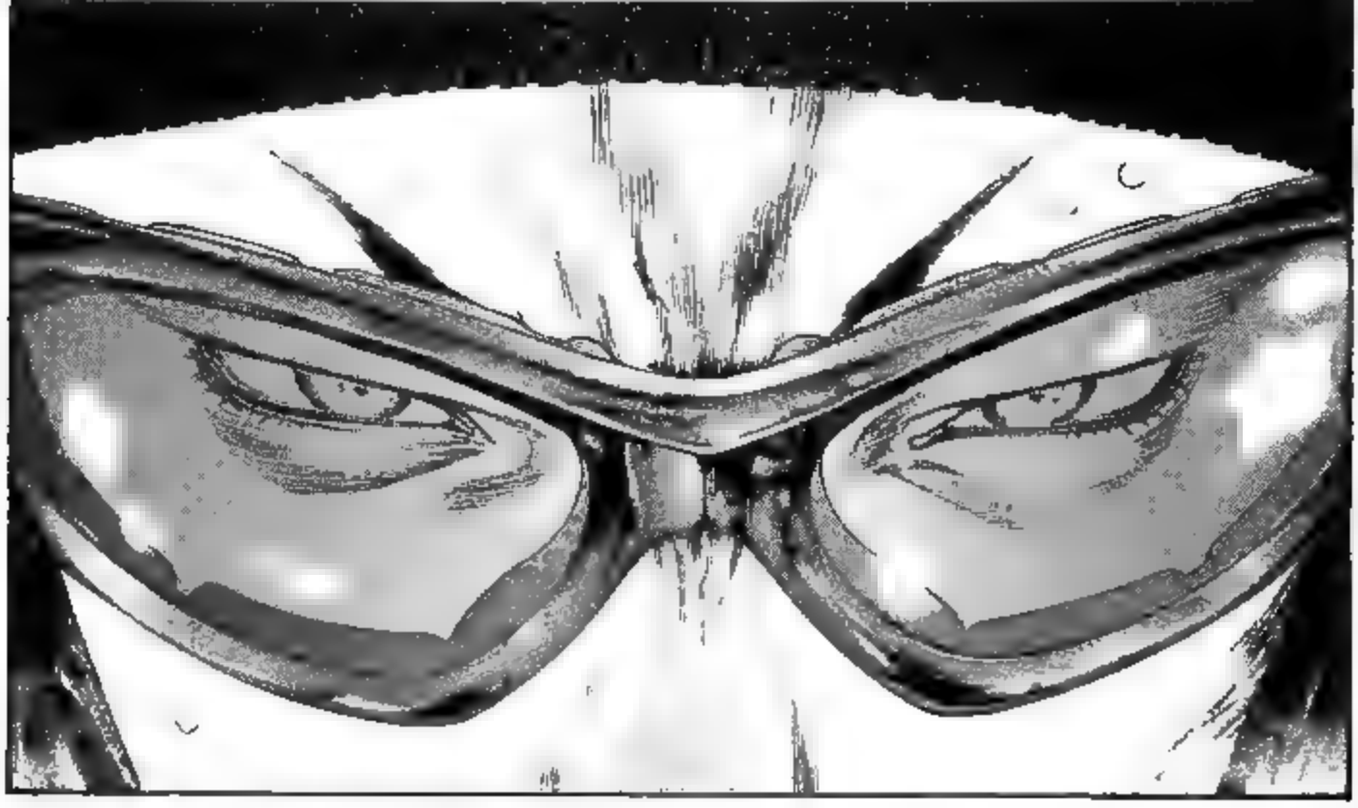
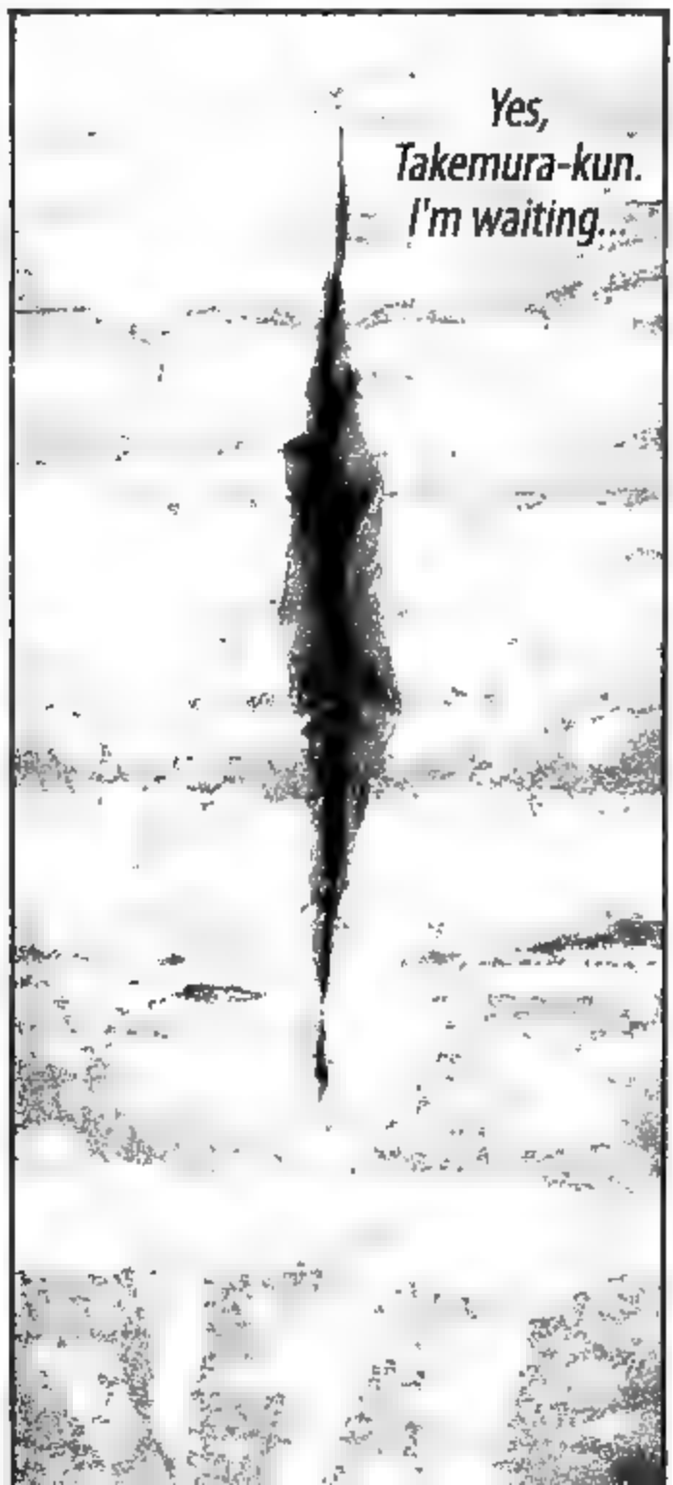


I promise I'll marry you once you get back from K2, okay...


Yes, Takemura-kun. I'm waiting...

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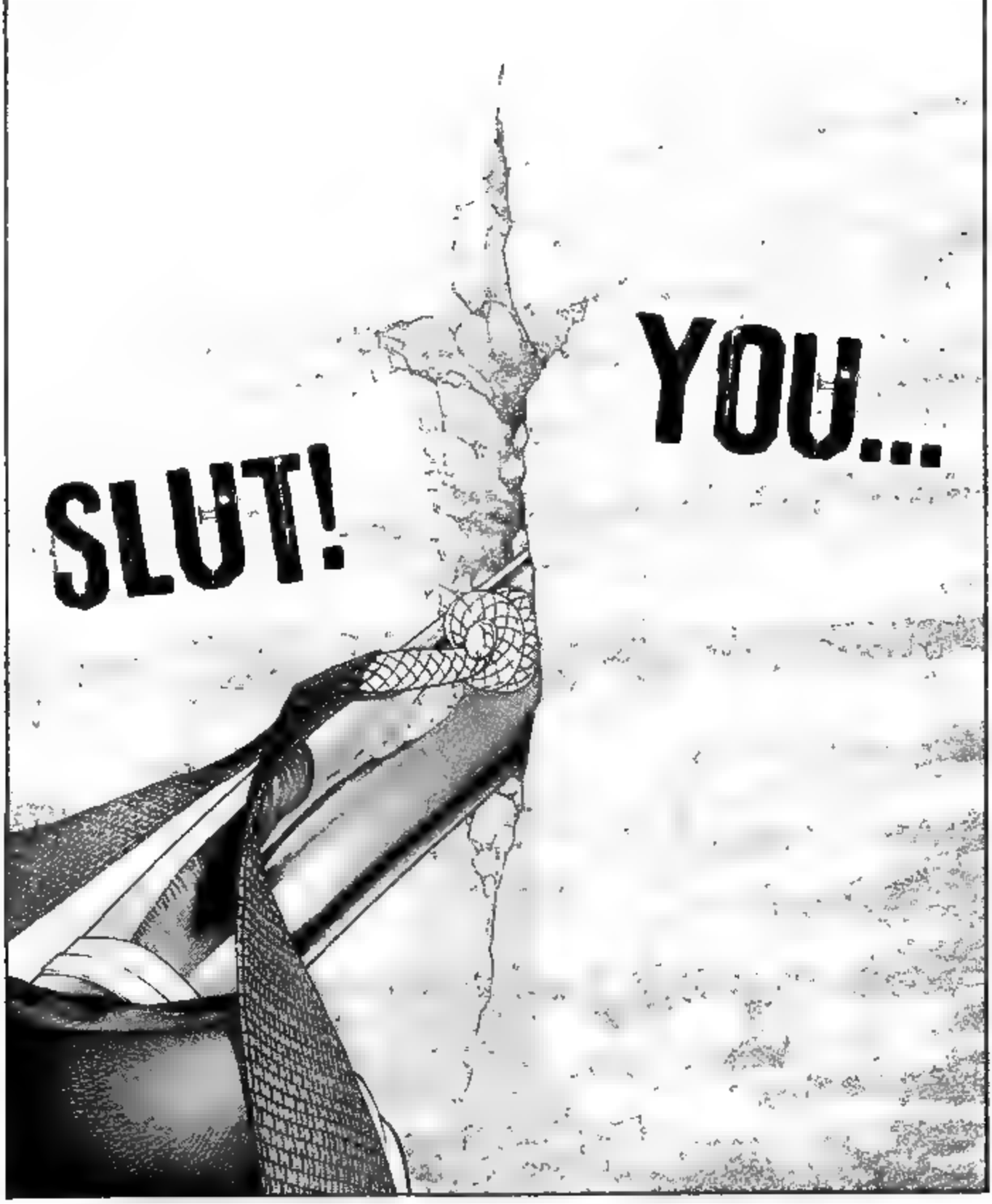
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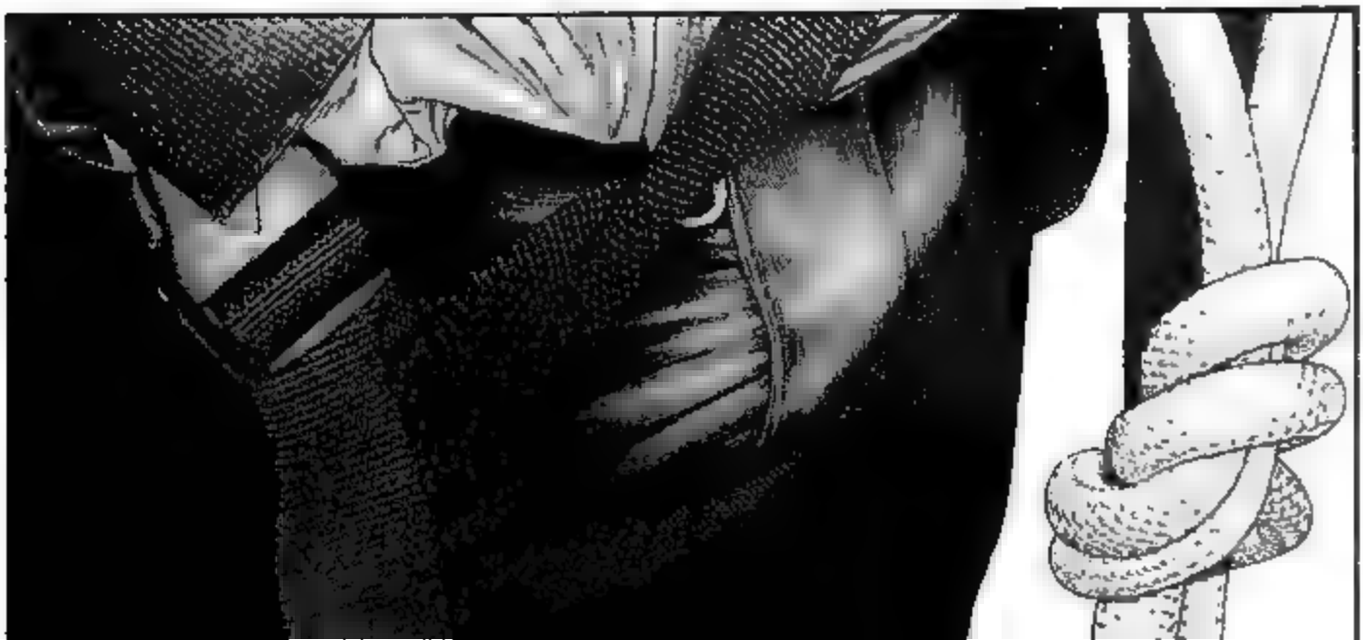
YOU...



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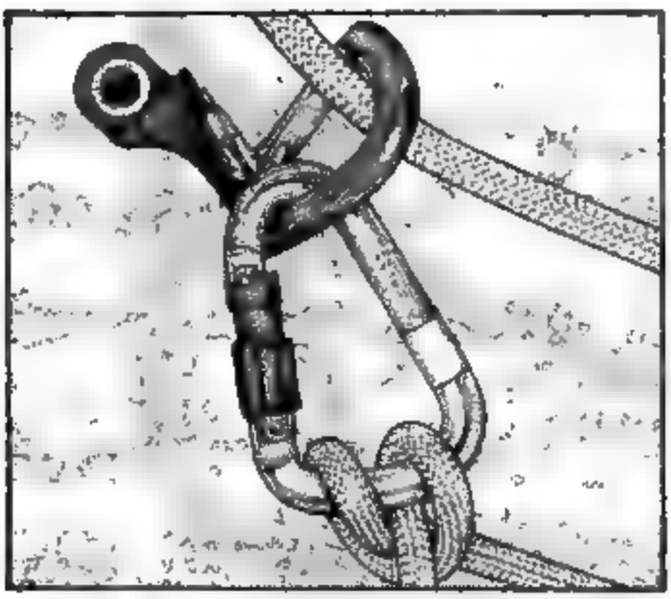
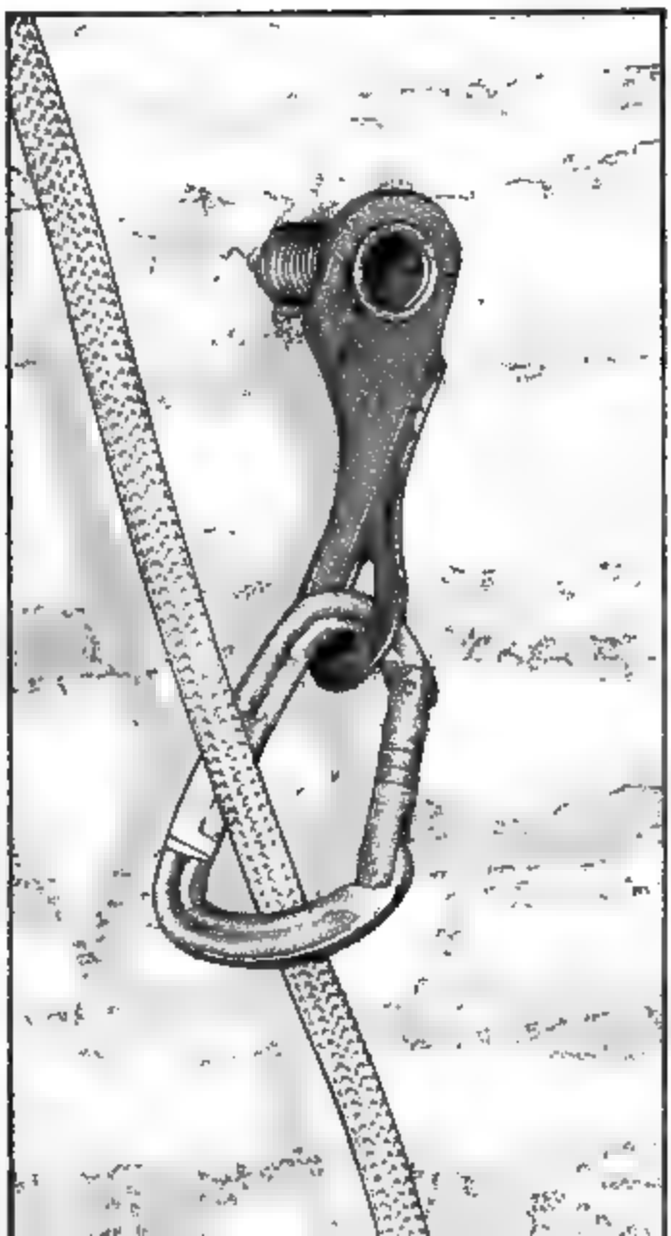
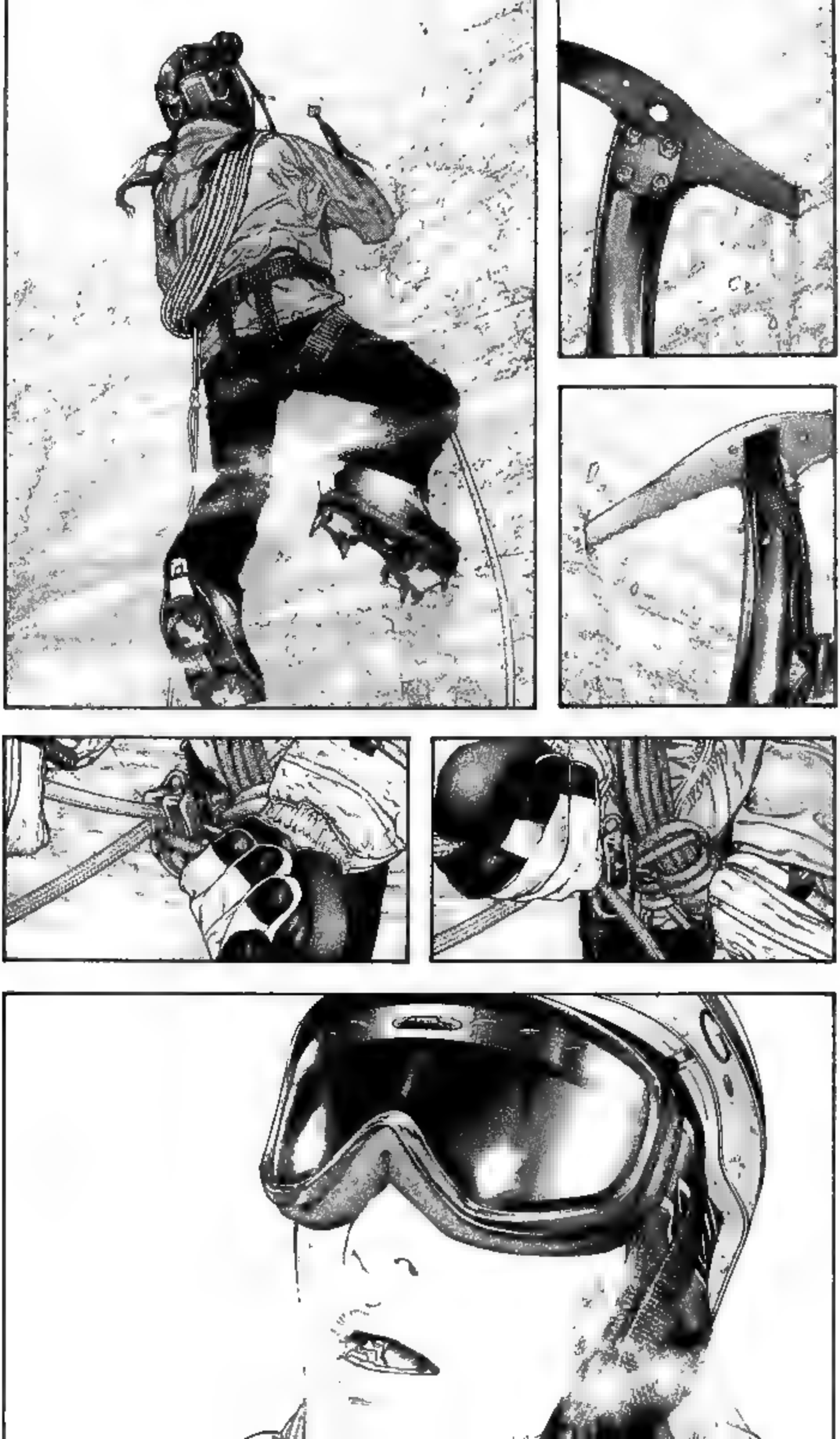
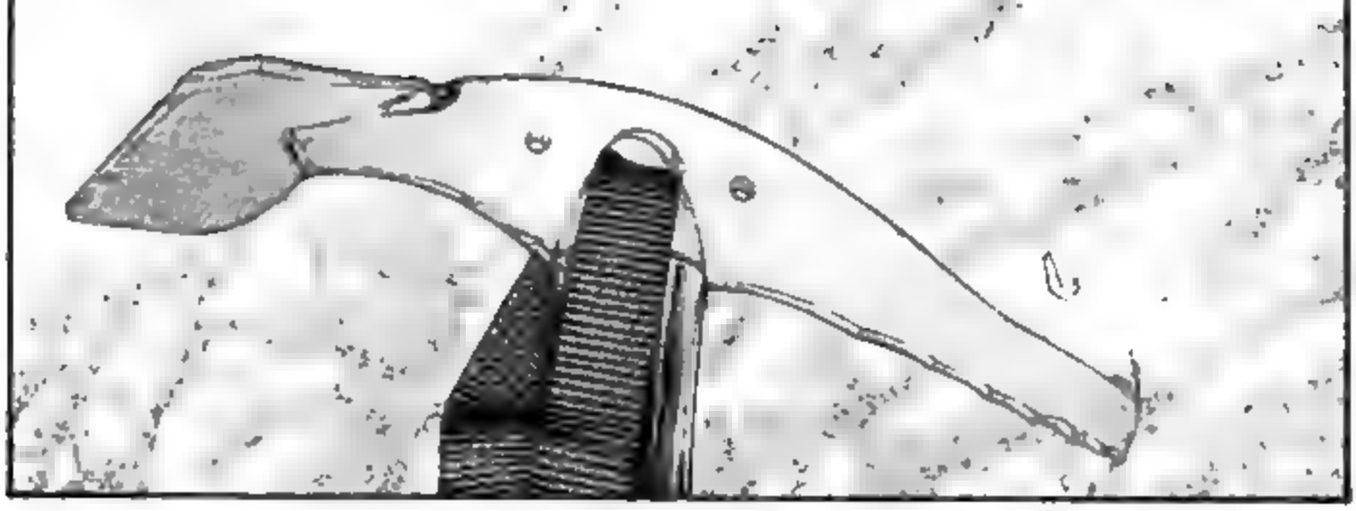
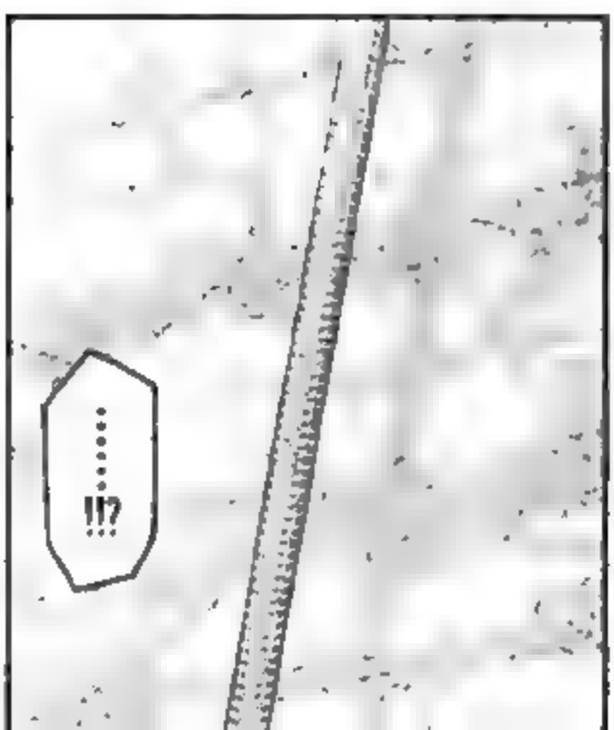










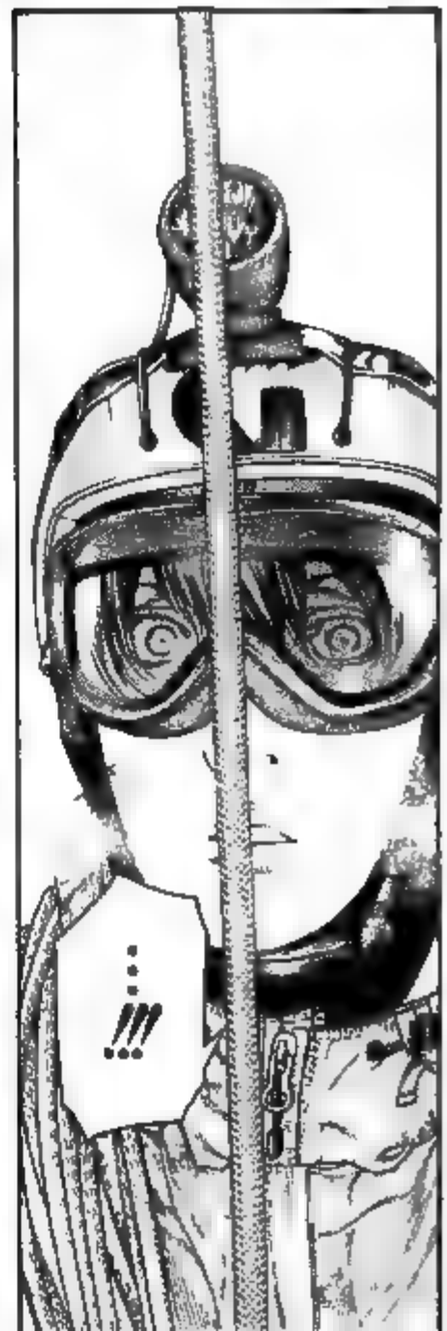
There's a fault line over there anyway.

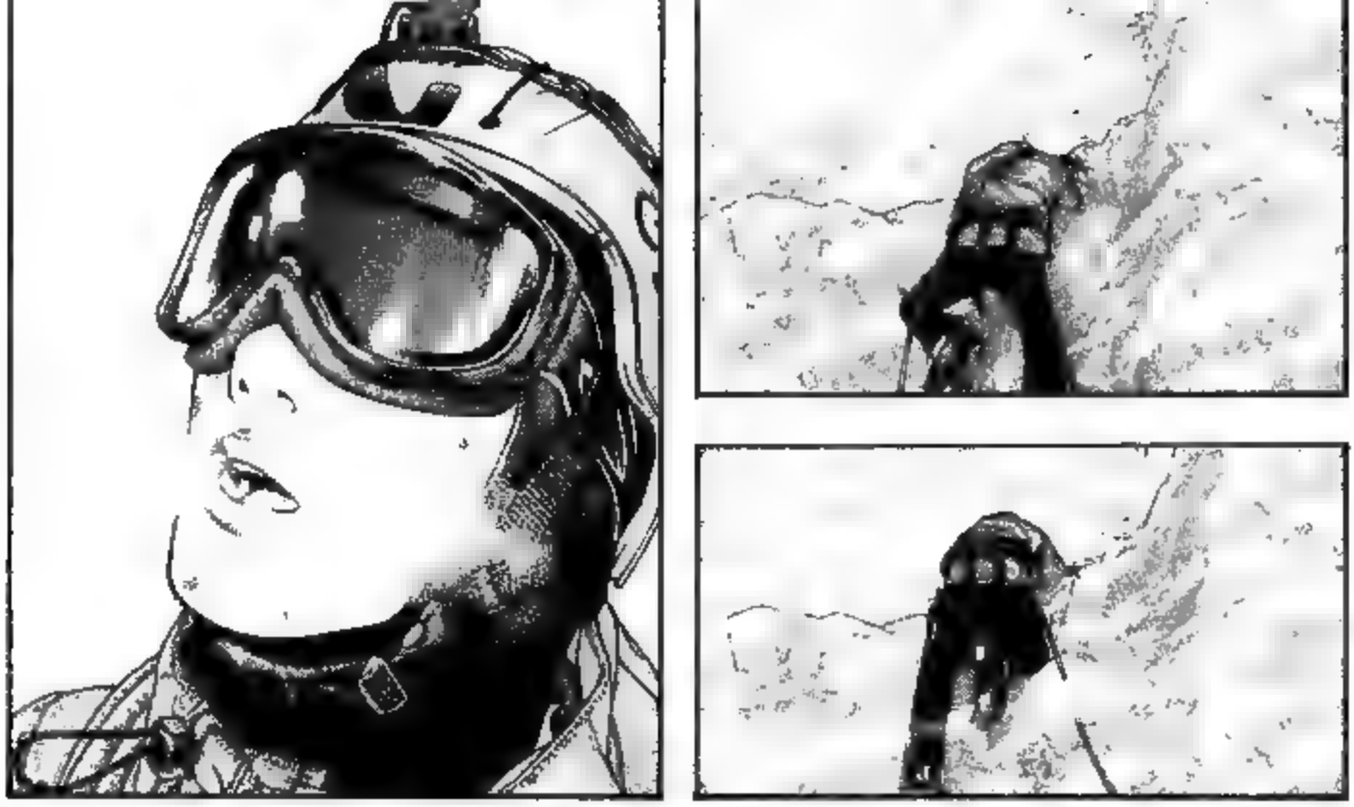
Is he trying to tell me that the fault line will make crossing the crevasse easier?

Take a detour to the left.

Another safety plan?

Hmph.

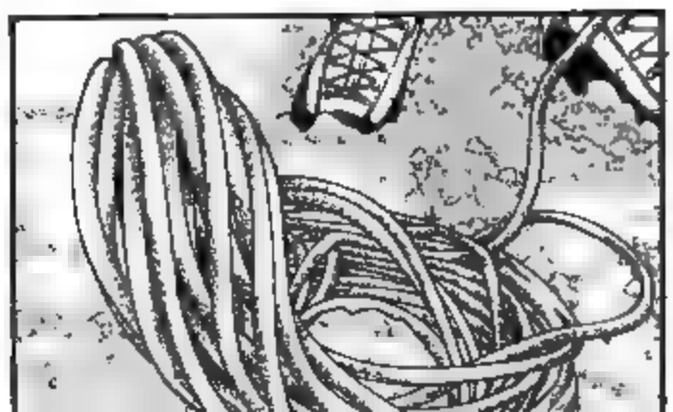




...DES-
CENDING
ALREADY
AFTER
COMING
THIS FAR?
K2 IS THE
CONCEPT
OF BEING
BLESSED
BY WEATHER
ITSELF .. IT'S
A MIRACLE.
...LET'S
CONTINUE ON
TO 7500 METERS
AND ADAPT TO
THE ELEVATION
THERE.

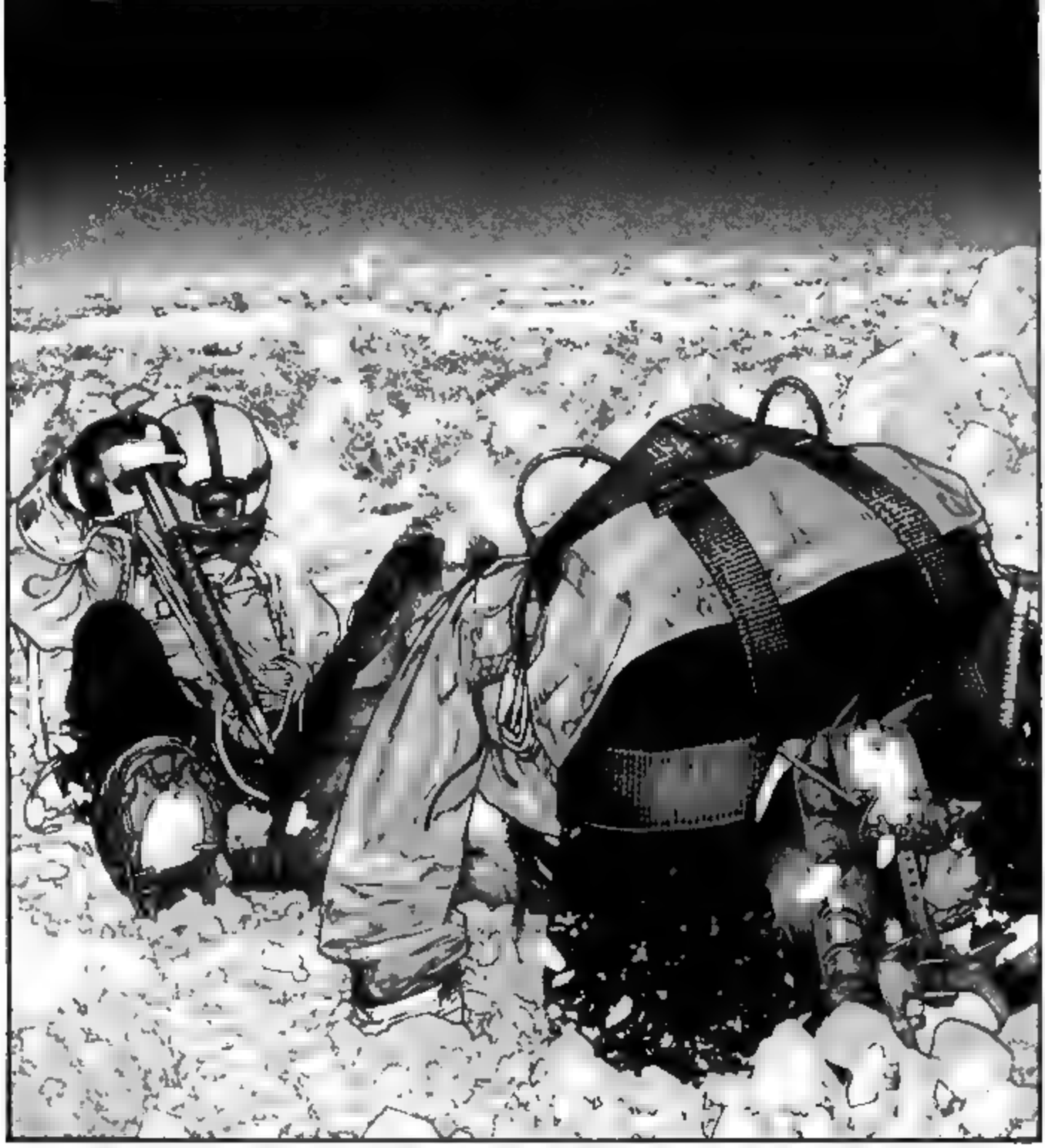
*ONE CLIMBER TAKES THE LEAD WHILE THE OTHER BELAYS. THEN, THEY SWITCH.

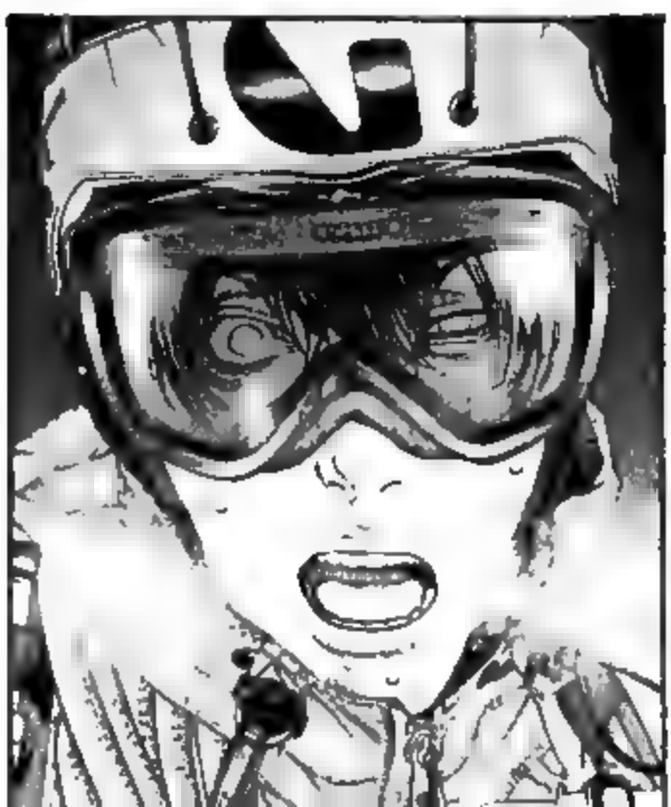
LET'S CLIMB ALTERNATING* FROM HERE. I'LL LEAVE MY STUFF HERE AND TAKE THE LEAD.
YOU'LL BELAY, SENPAI... AND PREPARE THE BAGS FOR LIFTING, PLEASE ..



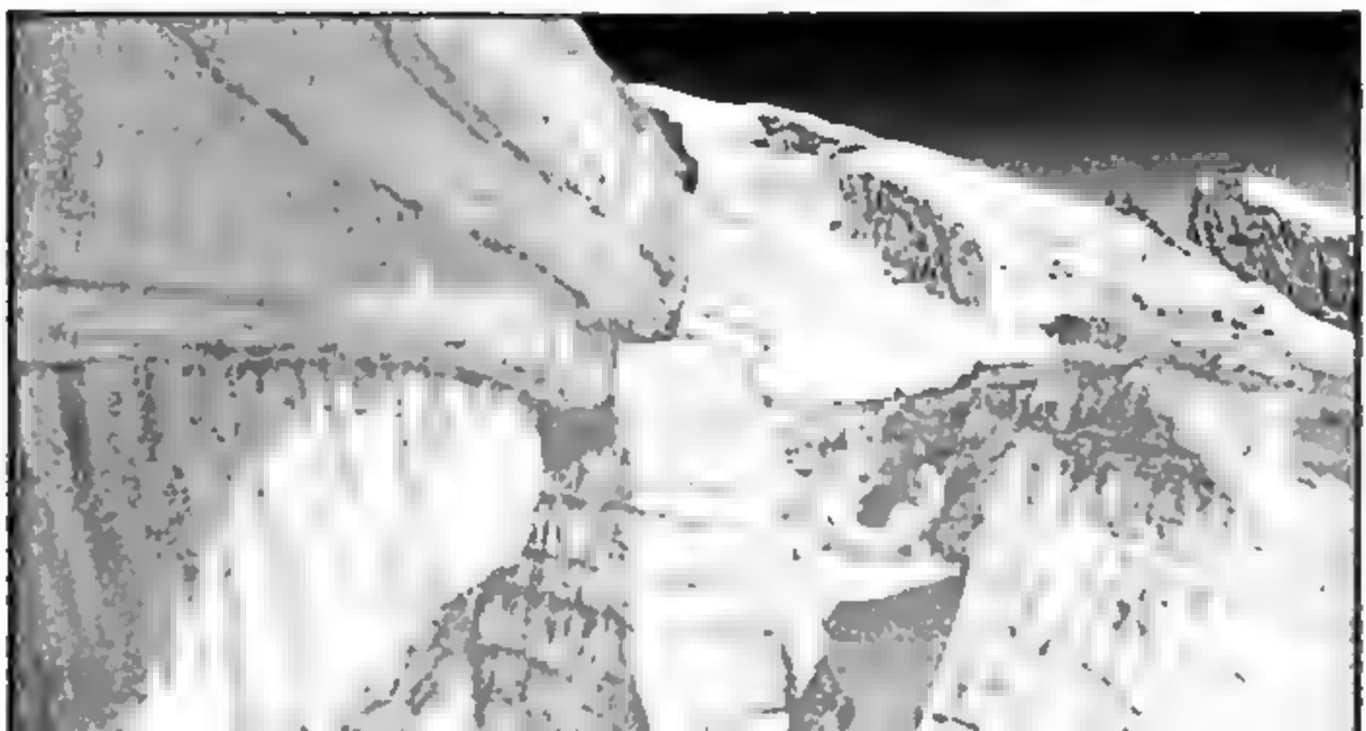
I REALLY CAN'T LET THIS GO ON ANYMORE.
YOU'RE SLOW BECAUSE OF EDEMAS IN YOUR BRAIN AND LUNG..
COME ON, LET'S GO...
THEN I'LL CARRY THE BAGS...

FLOWER POWER!





I'M NOT LETTING SOME OLD FART...
GET THE CRED FOR SETTING FOOT ON AN UNTRODDEN SNOWFIELD FIRST, NO MATTER WHAT...



Hana-chan,
Rokka...

I WANT TO COME HOME...

BECAUSE IF I FELL INTO A CREVASSE OR SOMETHING, YOU'D DEFINITELY STOP ME FROM FALLING,
SO THAT I CAN GO ALL OUT AND EVEN DO A NON-STOP CLIMB RIGHT TO THE PEAK.
I INVITED YOU...
...DO YOU KNOW WHY...
...SENPAI?

. . .WHAT A CONCEITED JERK...

I'M GOING TO SET FOOT ON THAT GREAT SNOW FIELD
BEFORE YOU DO...!!

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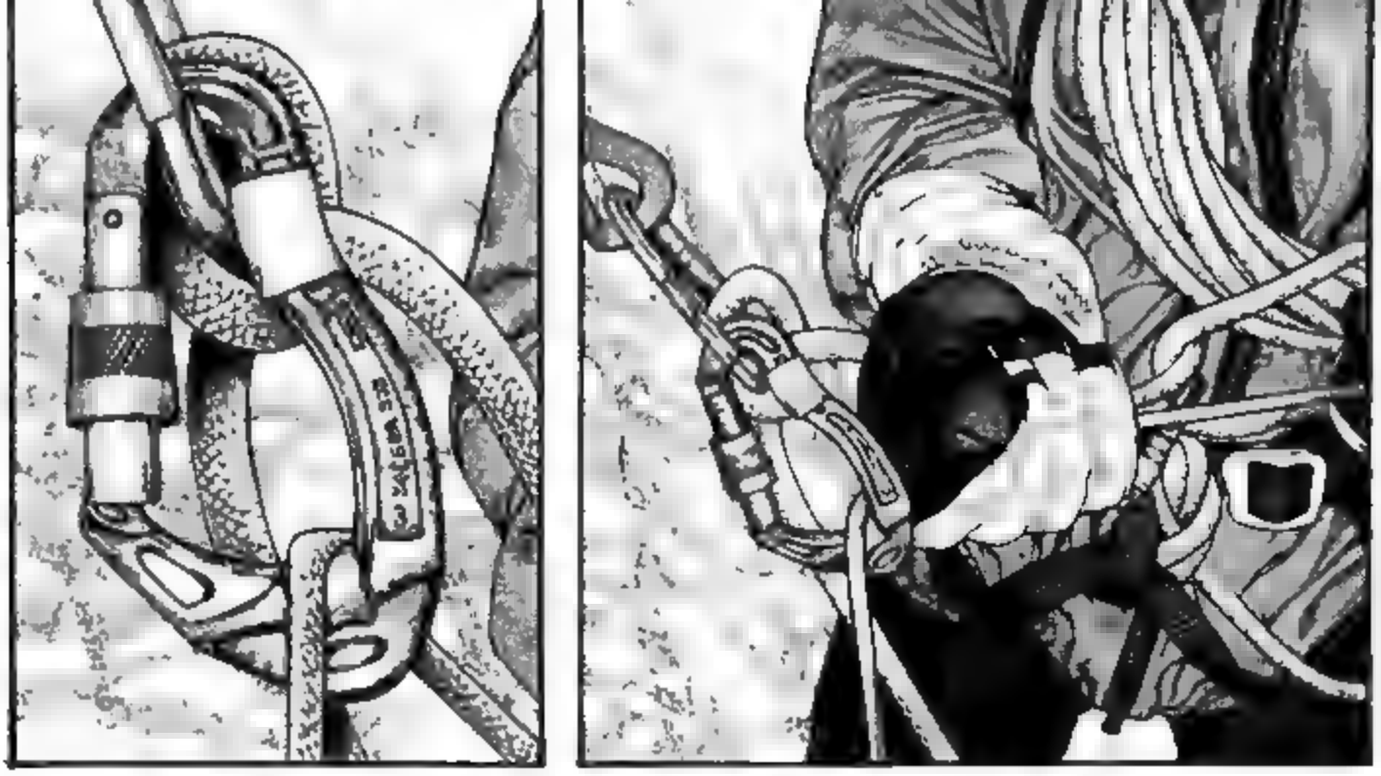

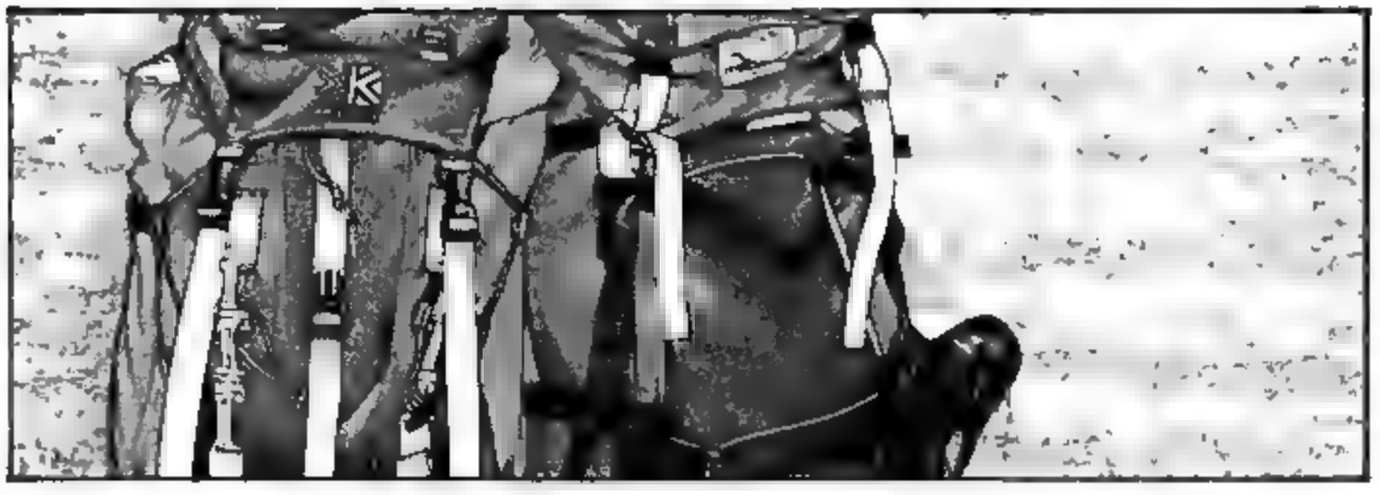

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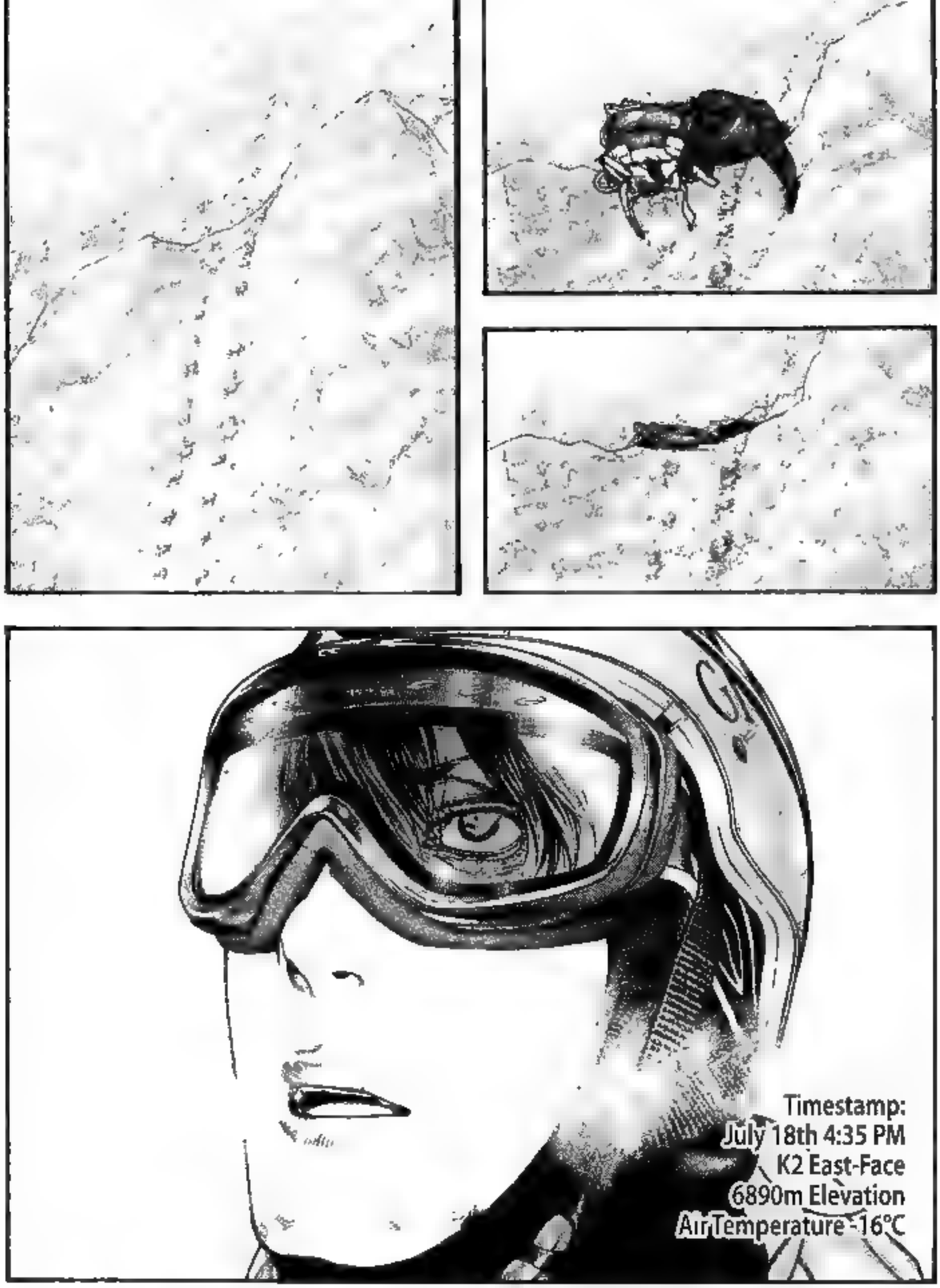
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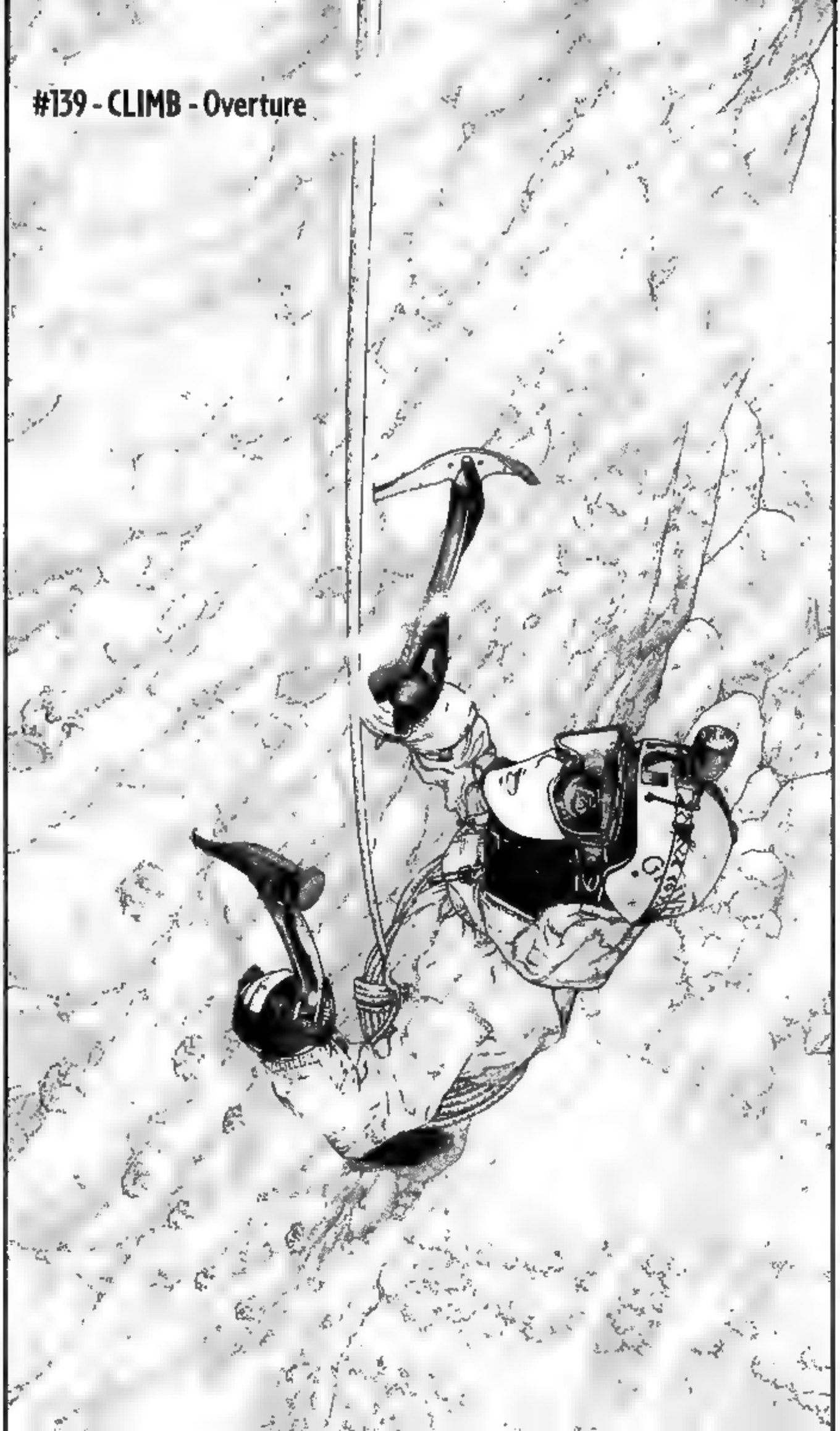

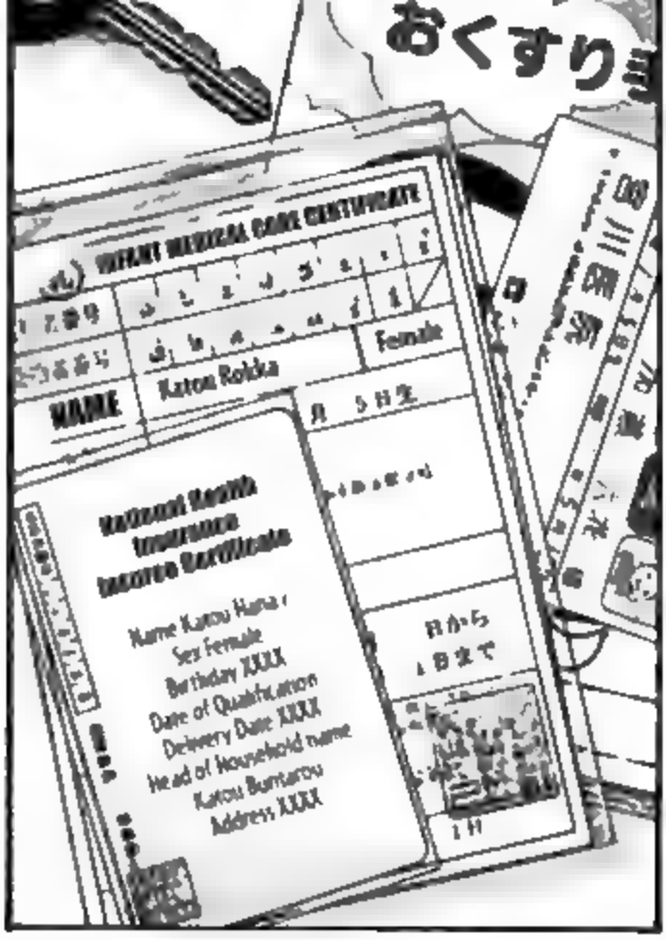
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INFANT MEDICAL CARE CERTIFICATE
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Katou Rokka
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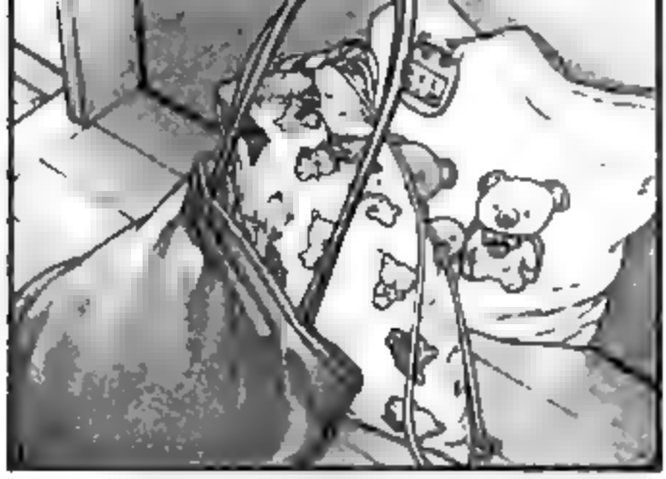
Name Katou Hana
Sex Female
Birthday XXXX
Date of Qualification
Delivery Date XXXX
Head of Household name
Katou Bunsaku
Address XXXX



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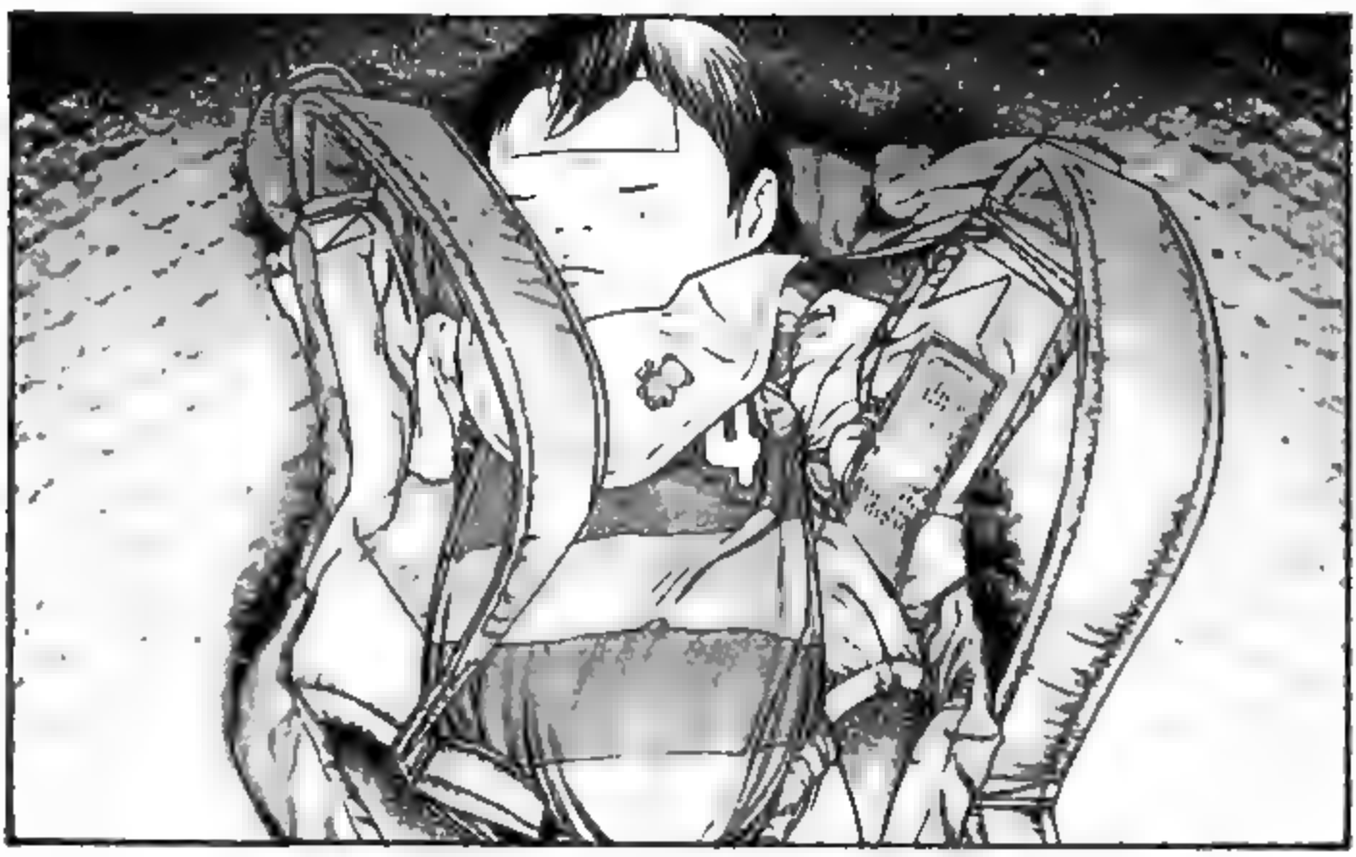
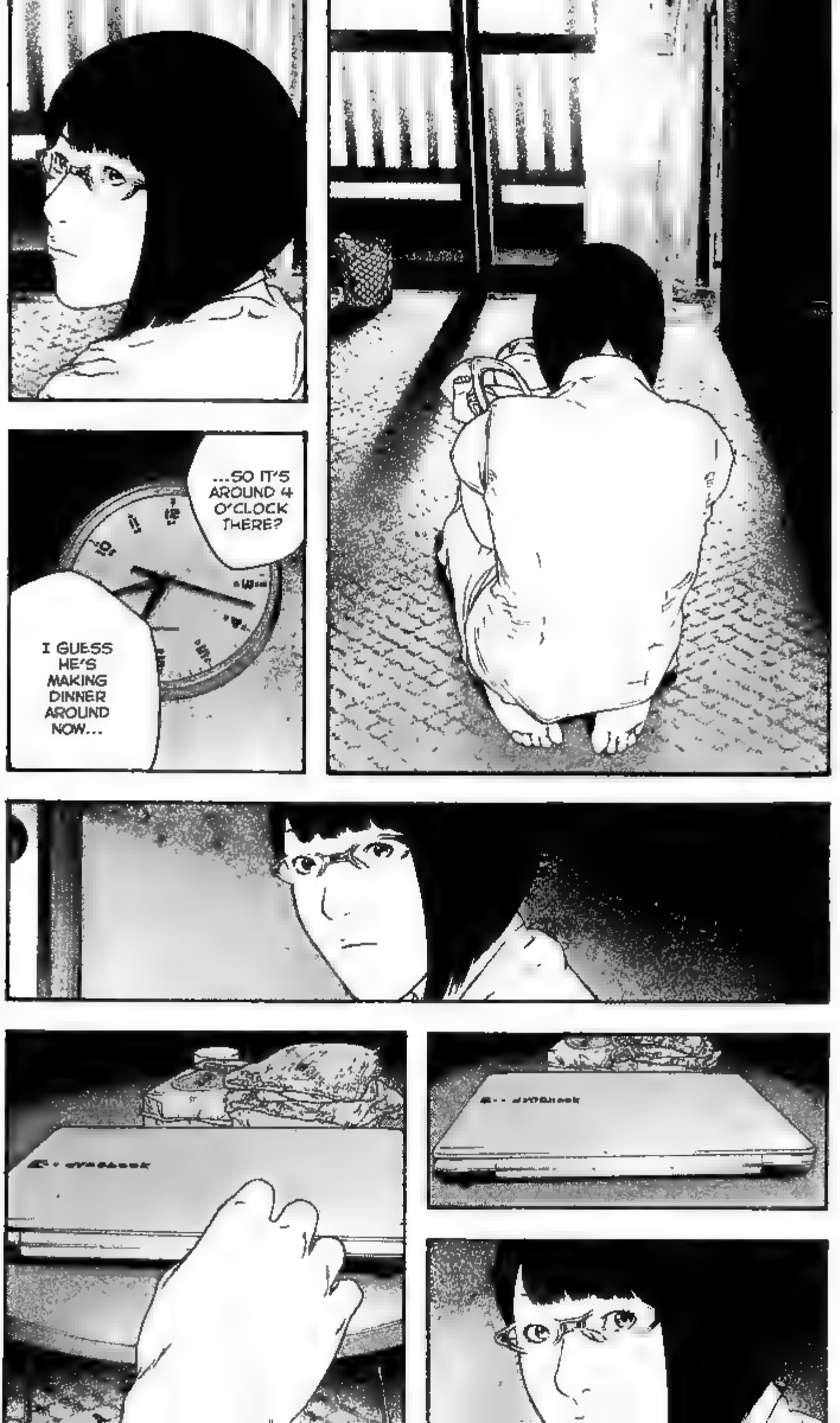


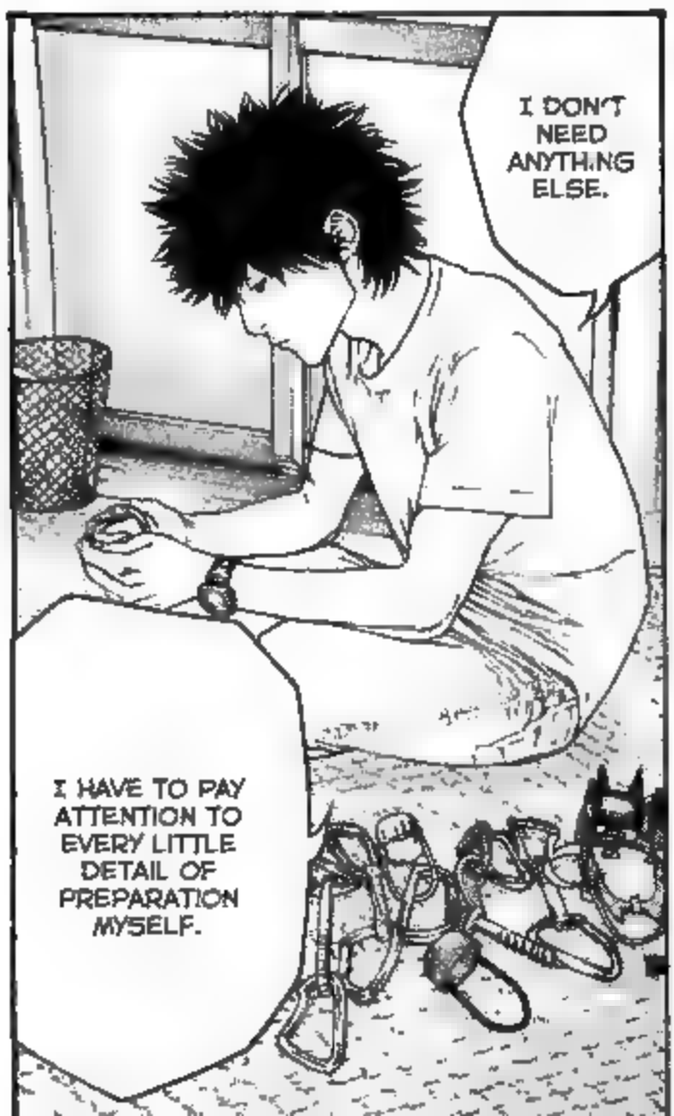
IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS EXANTHEM SUBITUM...
YES.

THANKS MOM.
I'LL CALL YOU AGAIN LATER.
THE CRECHE CALLED AND I RUSHED RIGHT OVER. I JUST GOT BACK,
...YES, SHE'S OKAY, IT'S REALLY NOTHING,
SUMMER BREAK FROM COLLEGE STARTS TOMORROW, SO I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP AN EYE ON HER AT HOME FOR A WHILE...

WARM AGAIN, HUH...?


...SO IT'S AROUND 4 O'CLOCK THERE?
I GUESS HE'S MAKING DINNER AROUND NOW...

NO.
PLEASE DON'T MESS WITH MY MOUNTAIN THINGS.

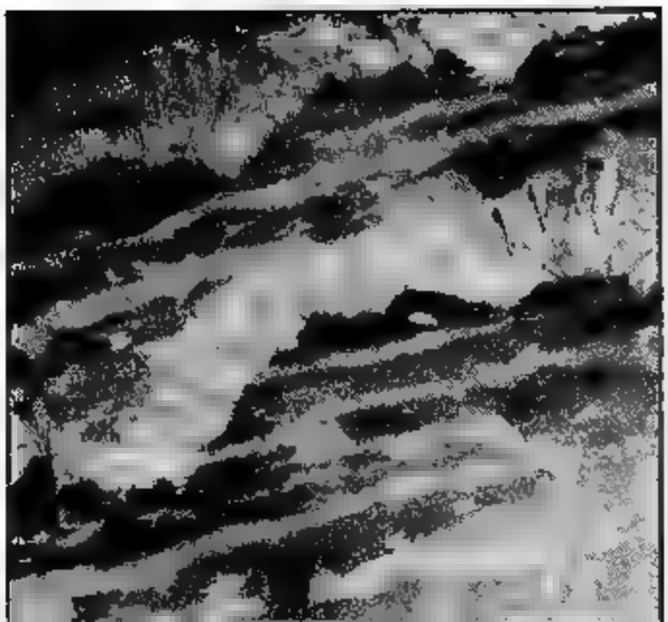

I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE.
I HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO EVERY LITTLE DETAIL OF PREPARATION MYSELF.

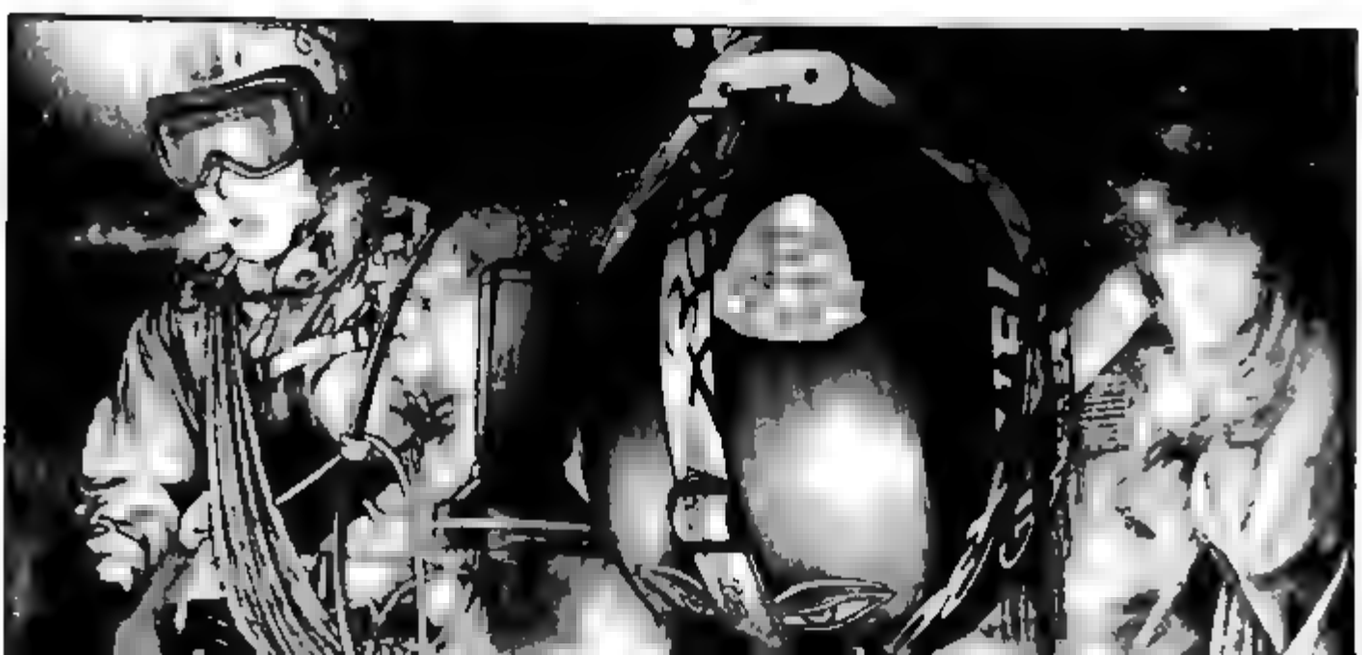
EH, BUT THIS WAS ON SALE AT THE SUPER-MARKET.
IT LOOKED REALLY WARM, SO...

30%OFF

HE NEVER EVEN TOOK ME UP A MOUNTAIN ONCE.
I REALLY SHOULD STAY OUT OF IT...

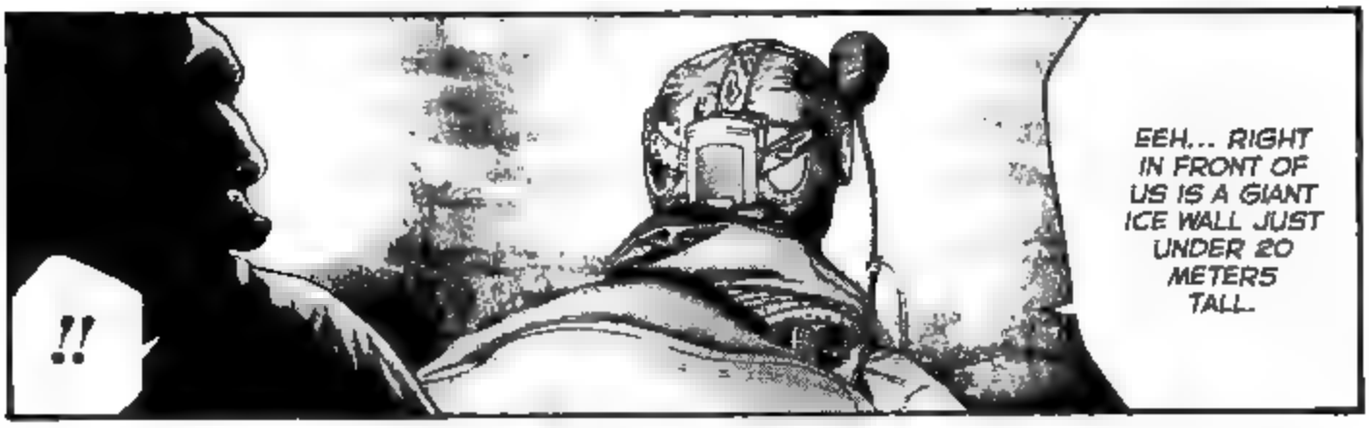
You'll definitely come home, right?
It'll be okay...





TAKE-
MURA. .

RADIO
MANUAL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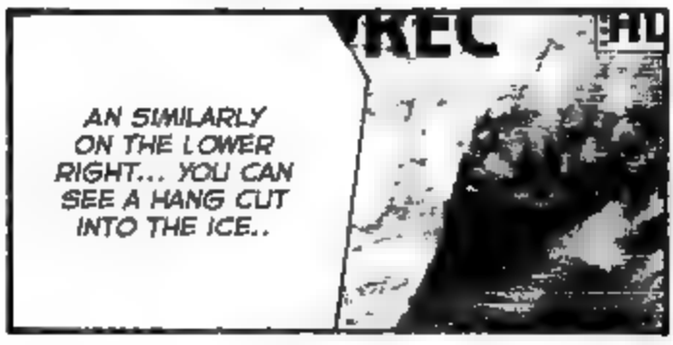
EEH... RIGHT IN FRONT OF US IS A GIANT ICE WALL JUST UNDER 20 METERS TALL.


REC
AN SIMILARLY ON THE LOWER RIGHT... YOU CAN SEE A HANG CUT INTO THE ICE..

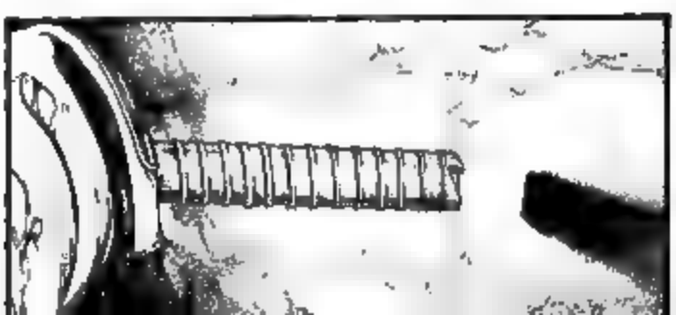
70分
TO THE UPPER LEFT IS... A GIANT OVERHANG OF BROKEN ICE OVER 15 METERS ACROSS.
07/17 19:15

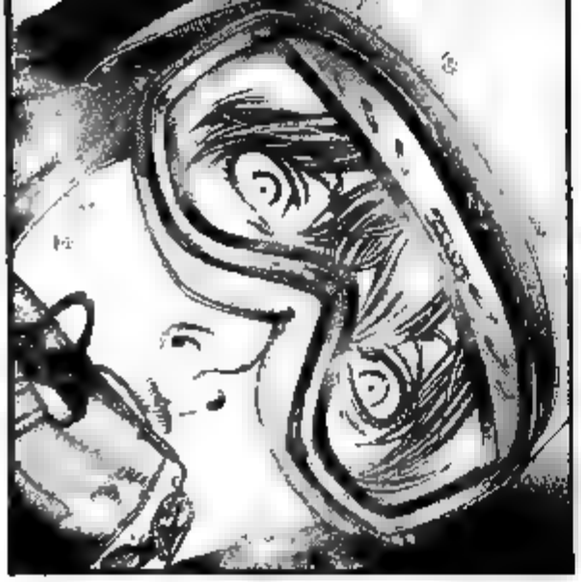
REC
THIS IS THE ULTIMATE BARRIER, BUT...
SOON WE'LL BE SEEING THE AREA CALLED THE GREAT SNOW FIELD.

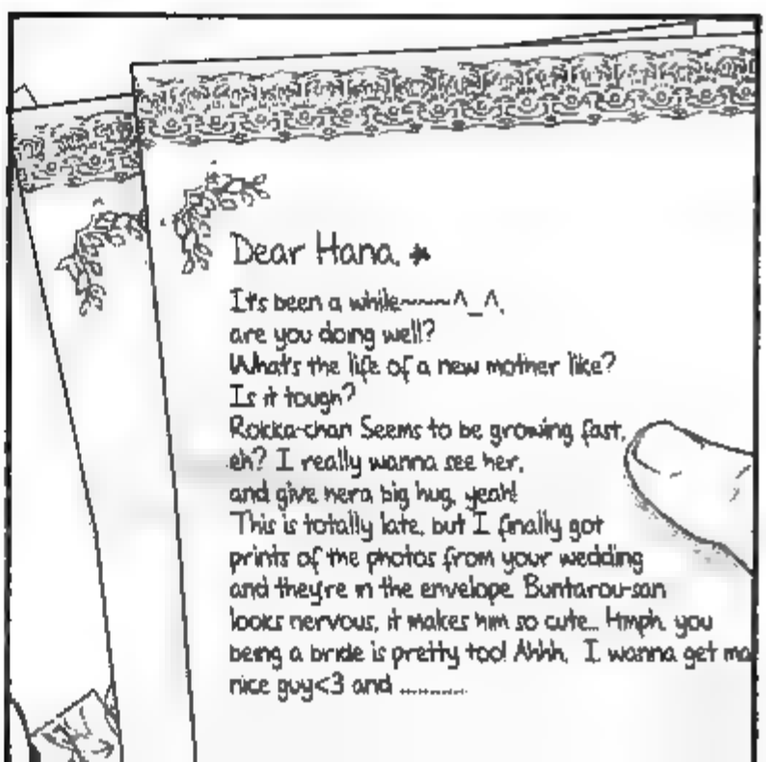
TH-THAT'S BEING RECK-LESS, TAKE-MURA.
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN CLIMB A 30 METER VERTICAL ICE PATCH AT THIS ALTITUDE, WE SHOULD HEAD BACK FOR NOW AND...
LET'S TACKLE IT BY TRAVERSING IT HORIZONTALLY ...
AND I REALLY WANT... TO RUSH ONTO THAT COMPLETELY UNTOUCHED GREAT SNOW FIELD...
HEY!
YOU'RE CROSSING THE LINE NOW...

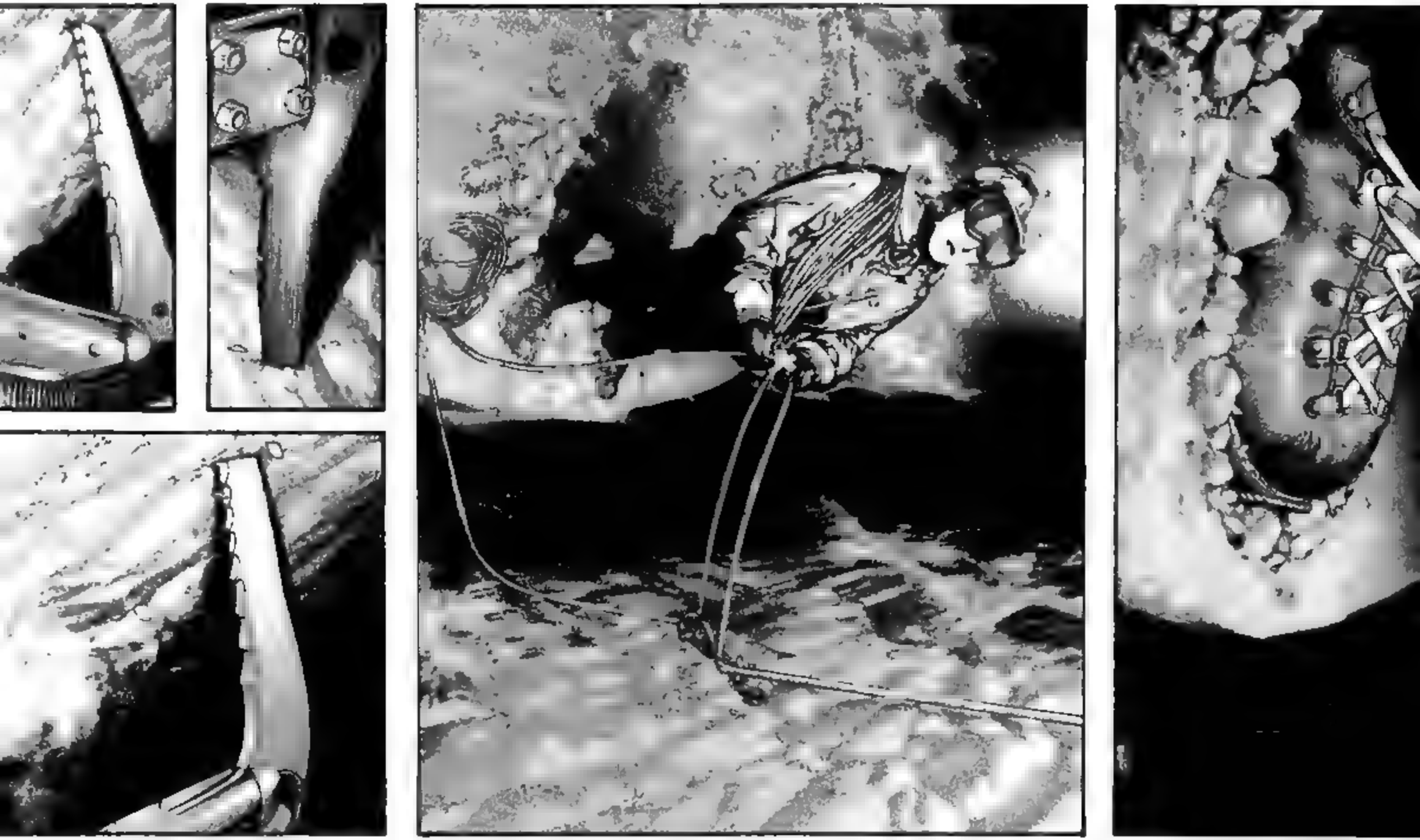
QUIT YAPPING.
JUST SHUT UP AND COME WITH ME.

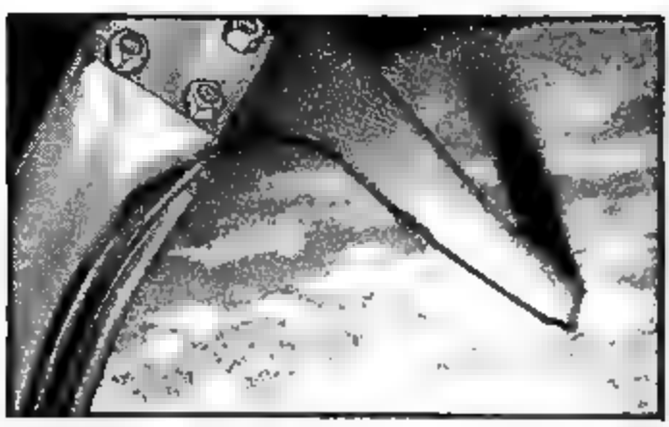
Katou Hana

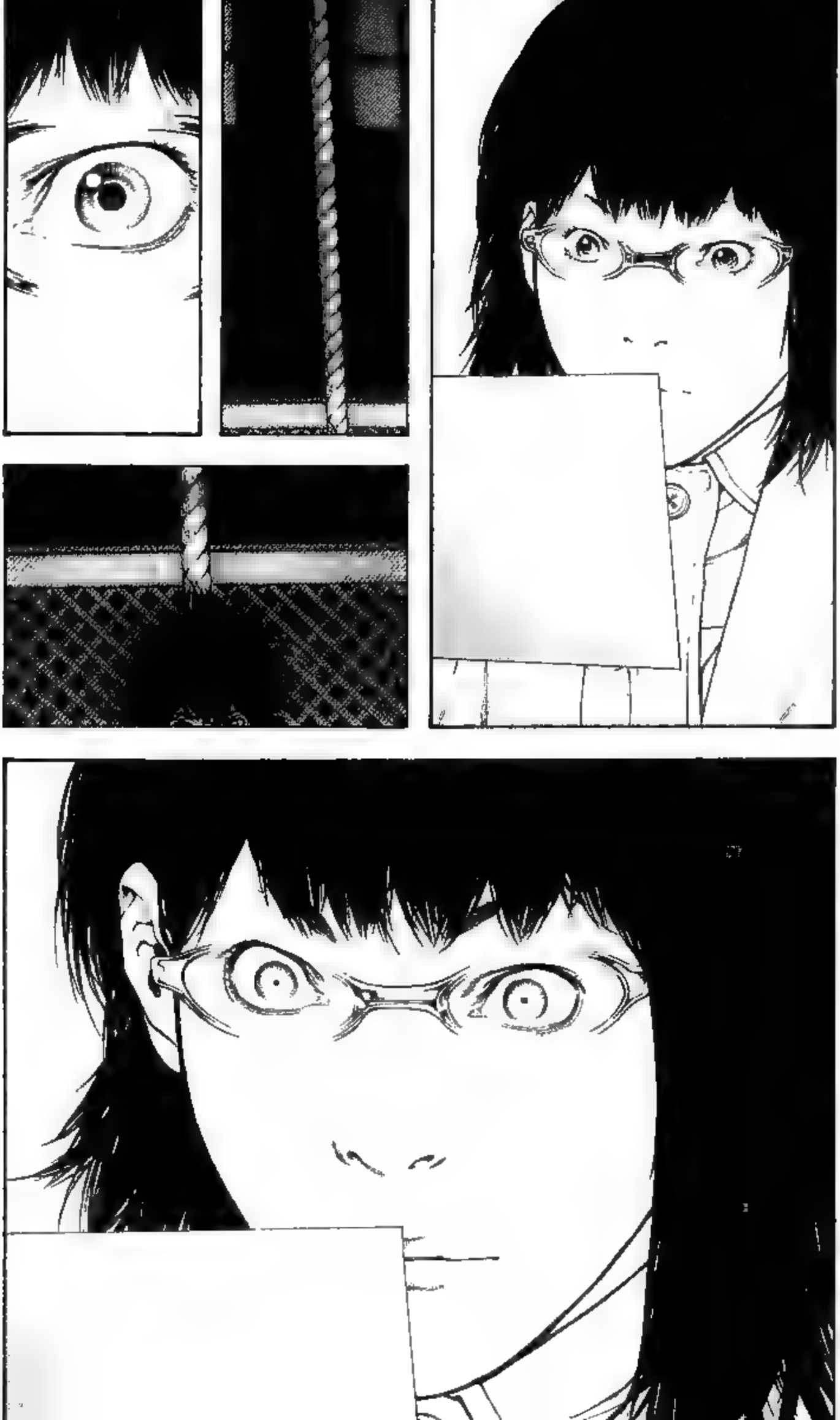





Dear Hana. ✱
It's been a while~~~~^_^.
are you doing well?
What's the life of a new mother like?
Is it tough?
Rocka-chan Seems to be growing fast.
eh? I really wanna see her.
and give nera big hug, yeah!
This is totally late, but I finally got
prints of the photos from your wedding
and they're in the envelope. Buntarou-san
looks nervous, it makes him so cute... Hmph. you
being a bride is pretty too! Ahhh. I wanna get ma
nice guy<3 and .....







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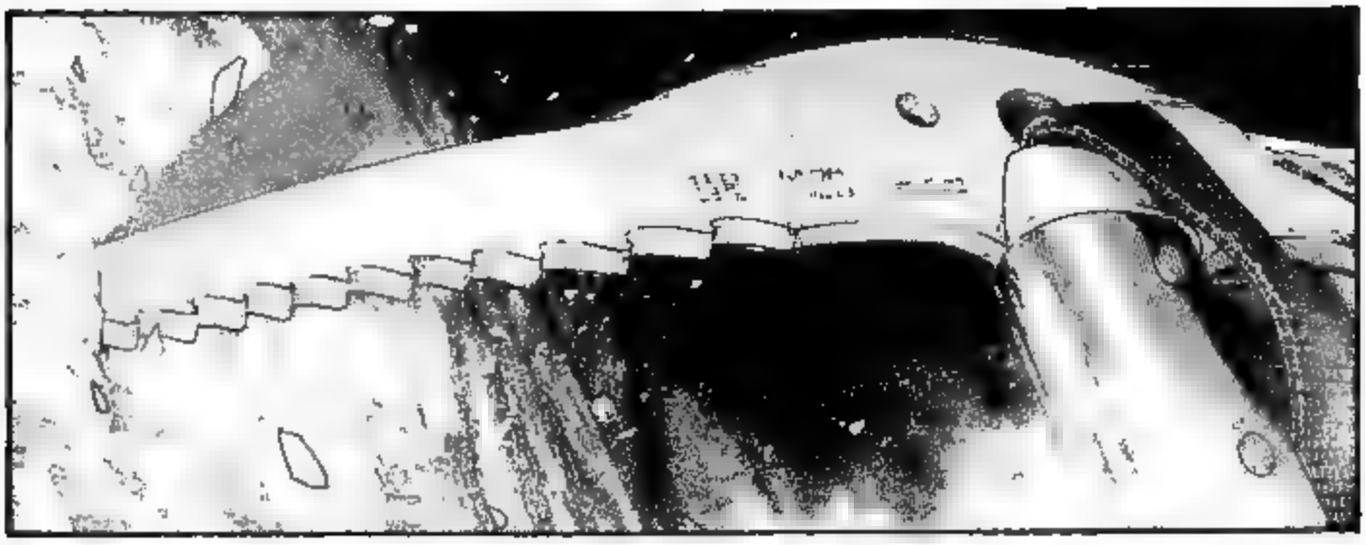

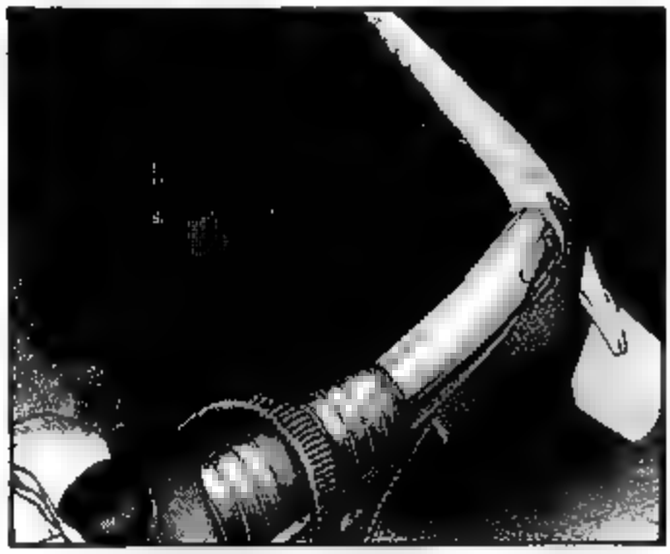

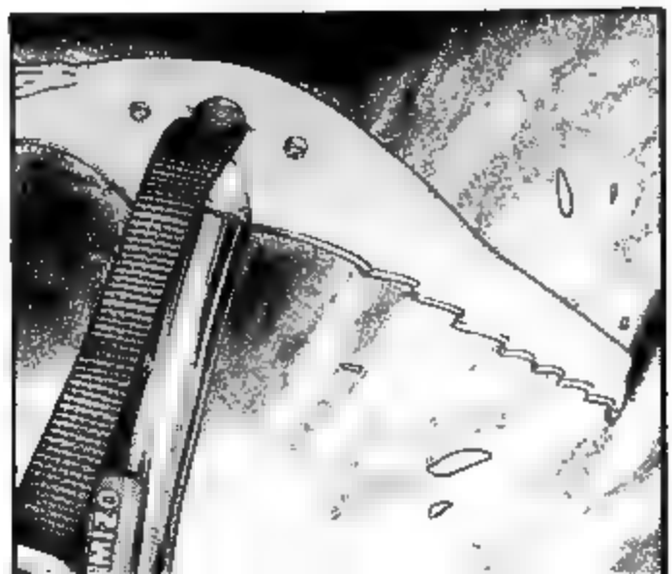

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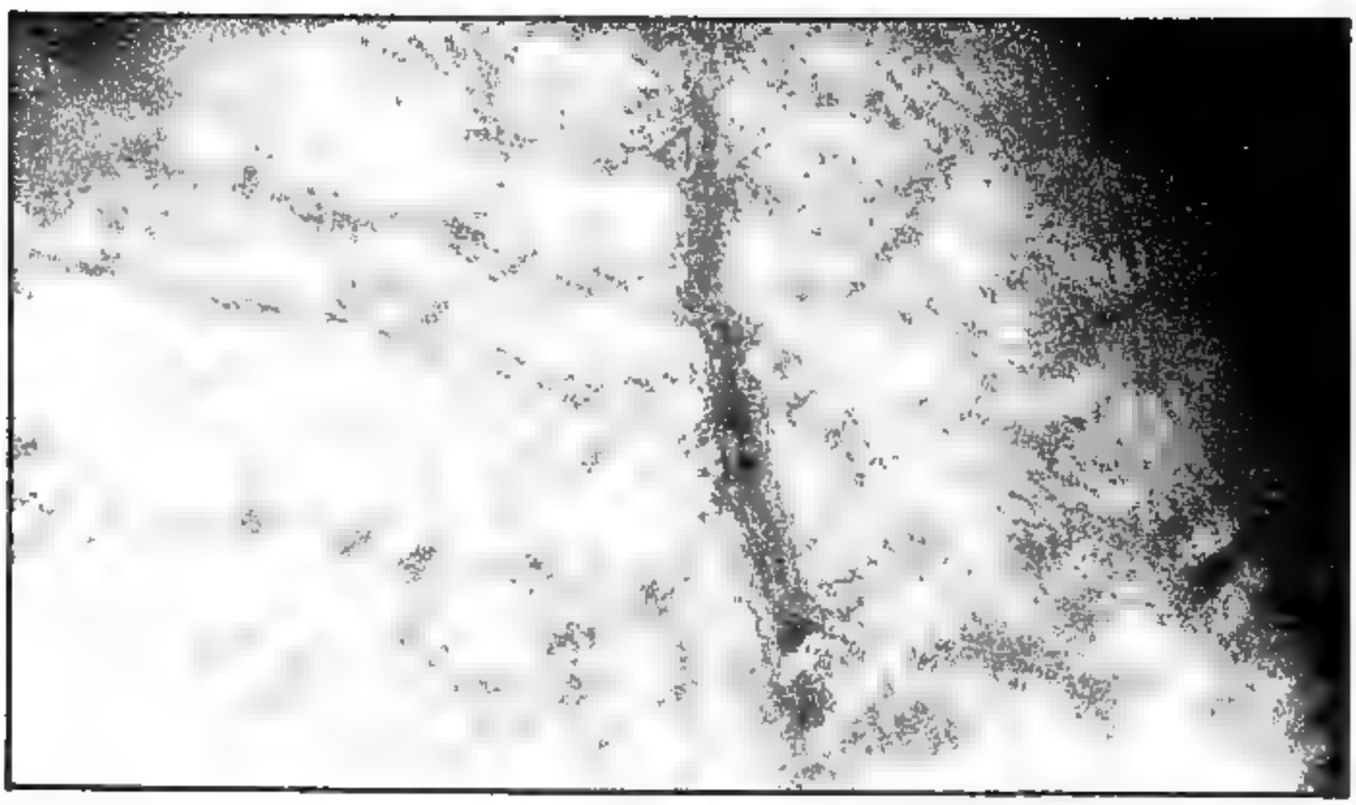

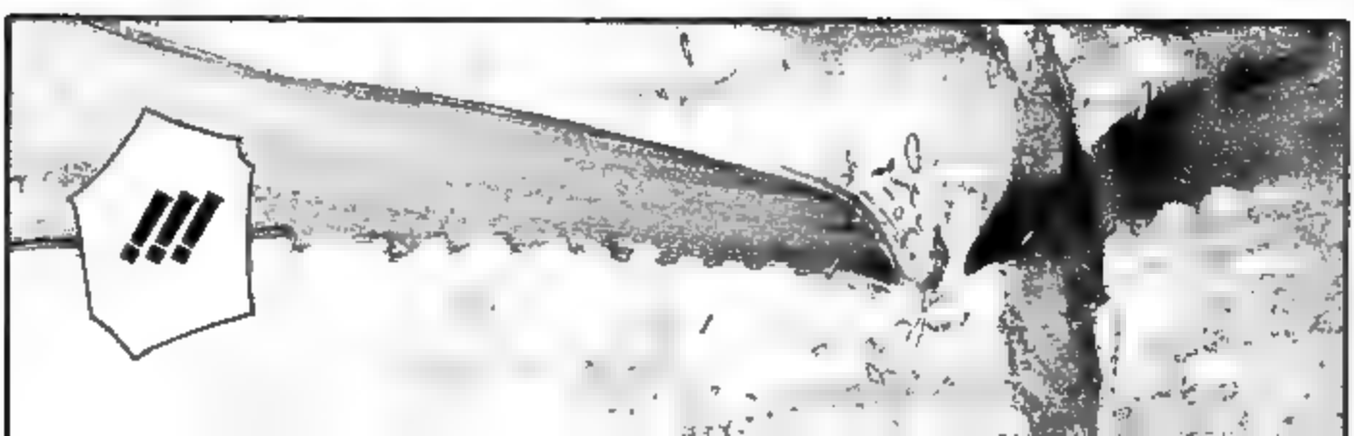

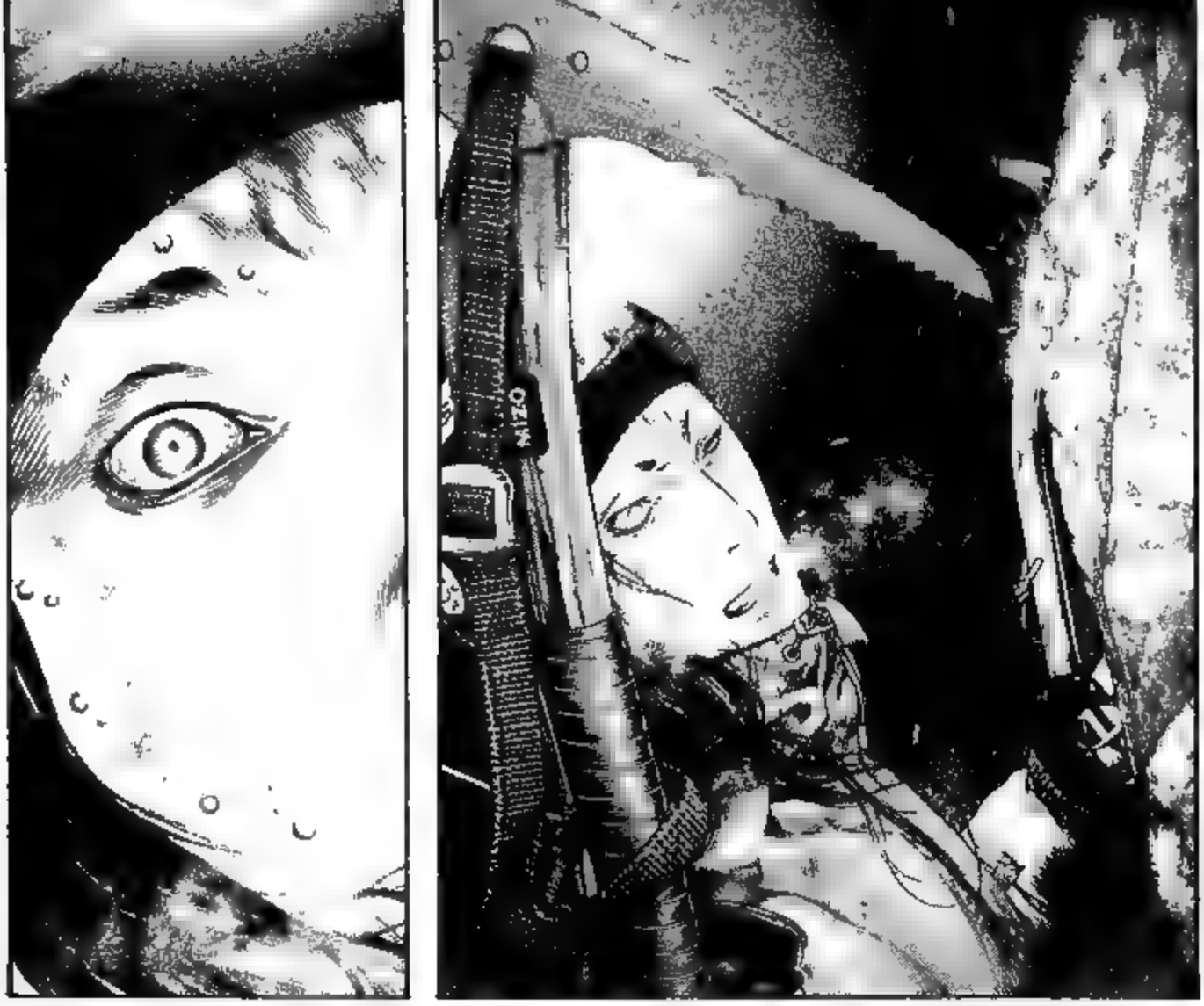
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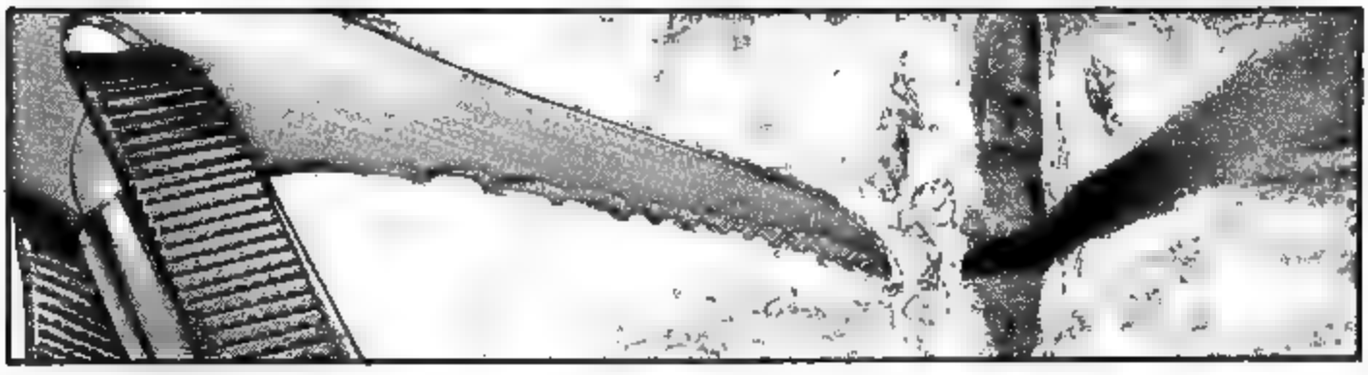
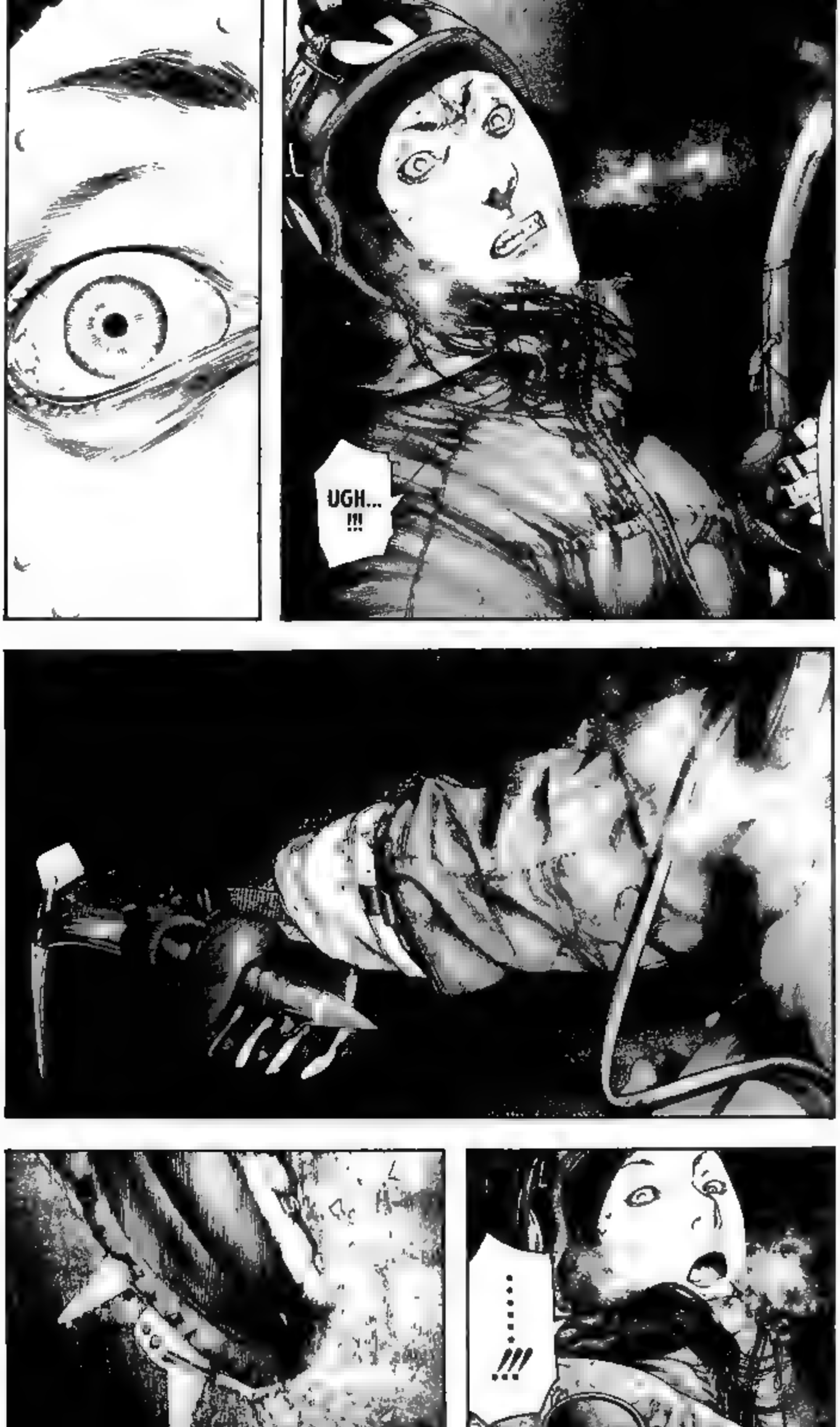


WHAT'S WRONG, TAKEM-URA?!
HIT THE ICE CRACK STEADILY!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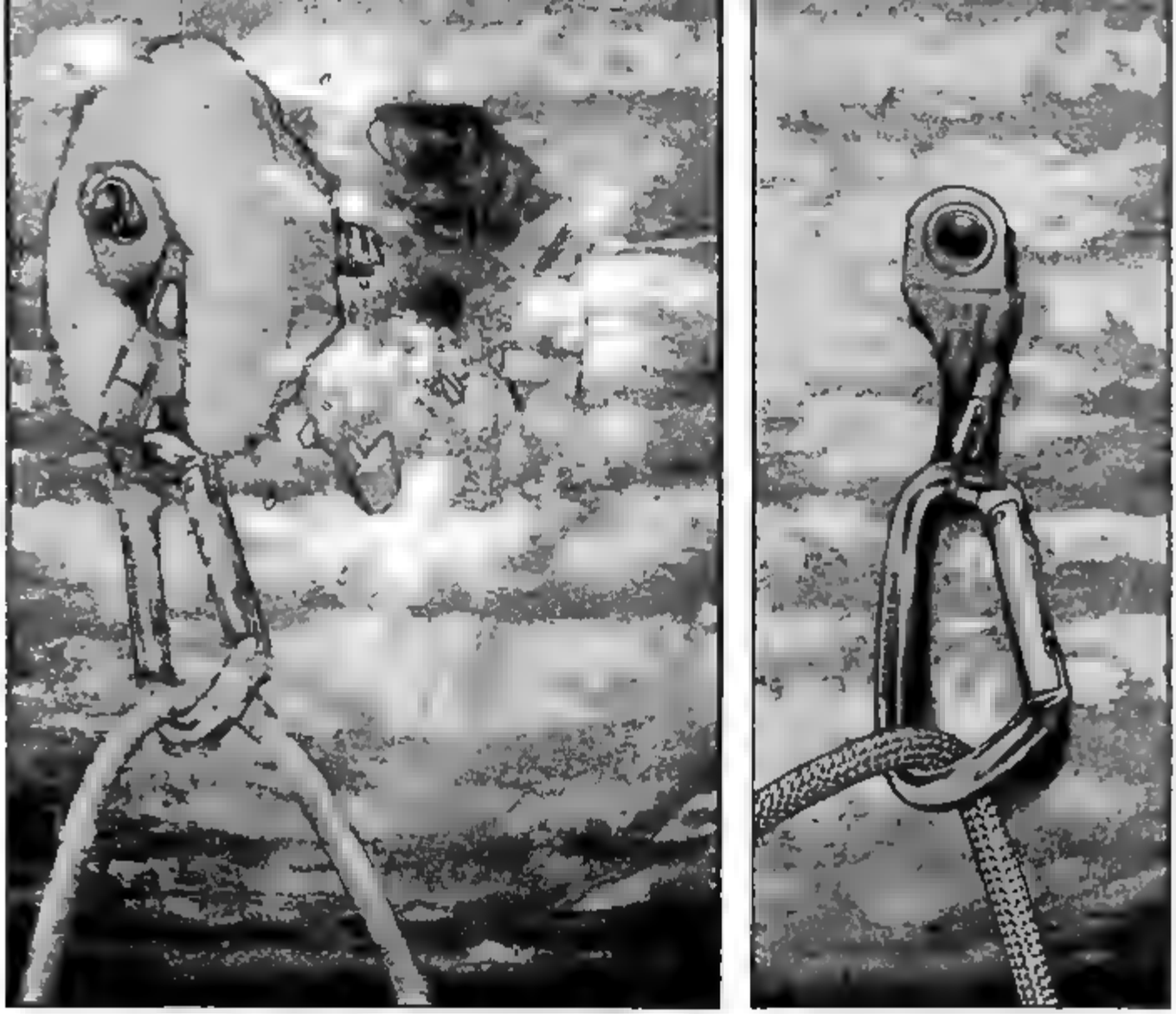

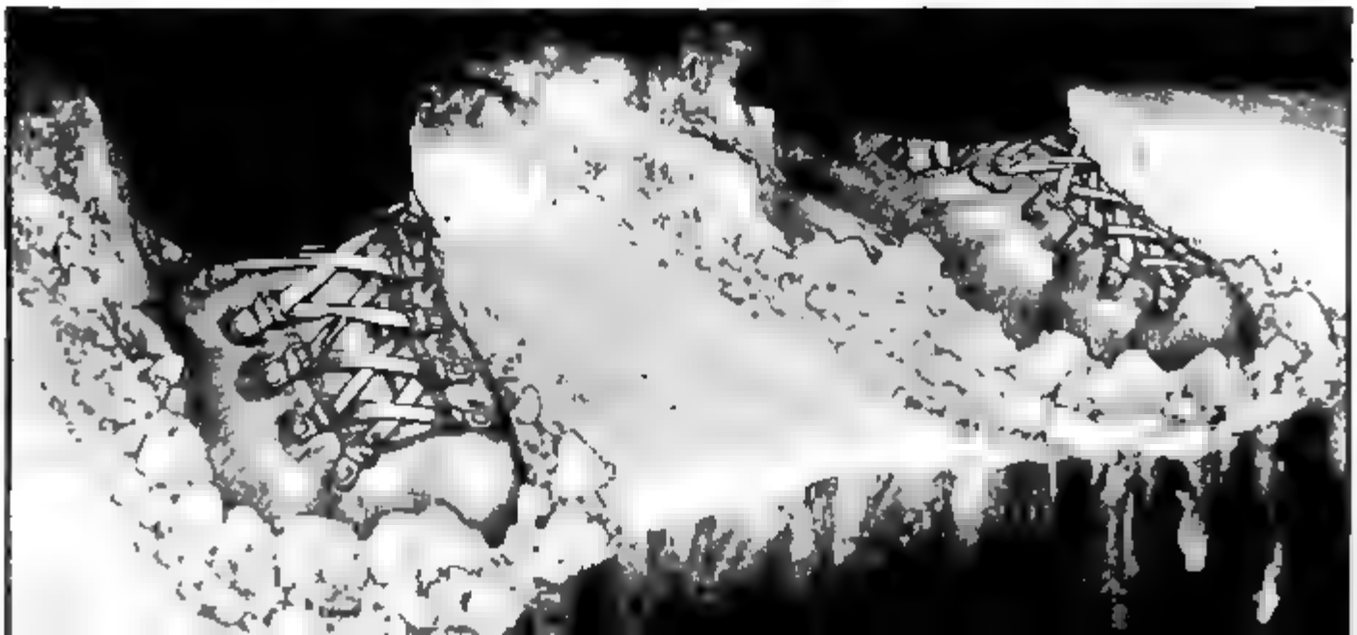

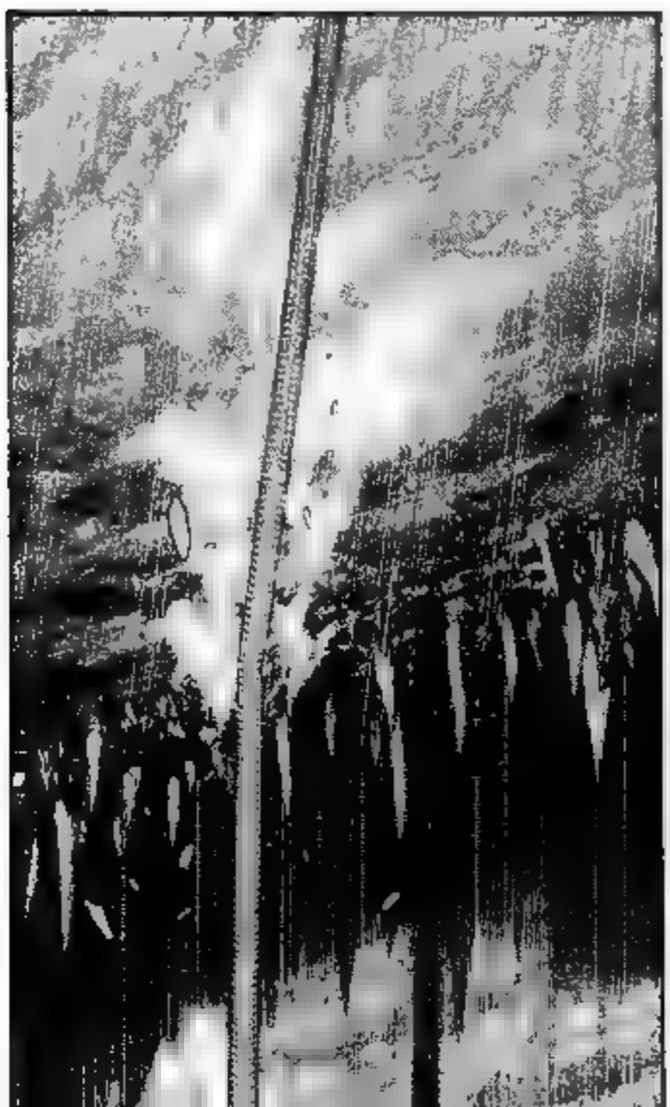

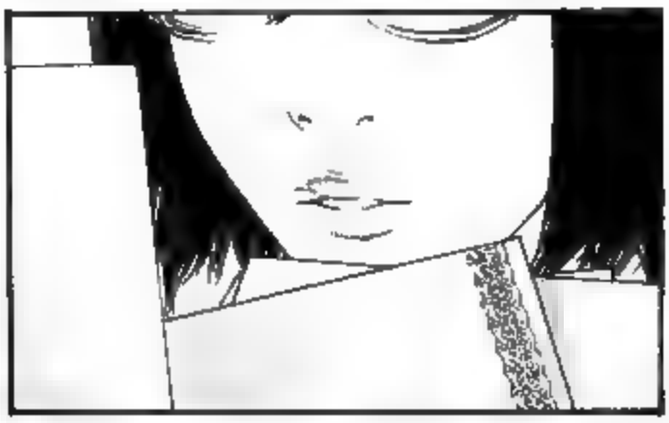

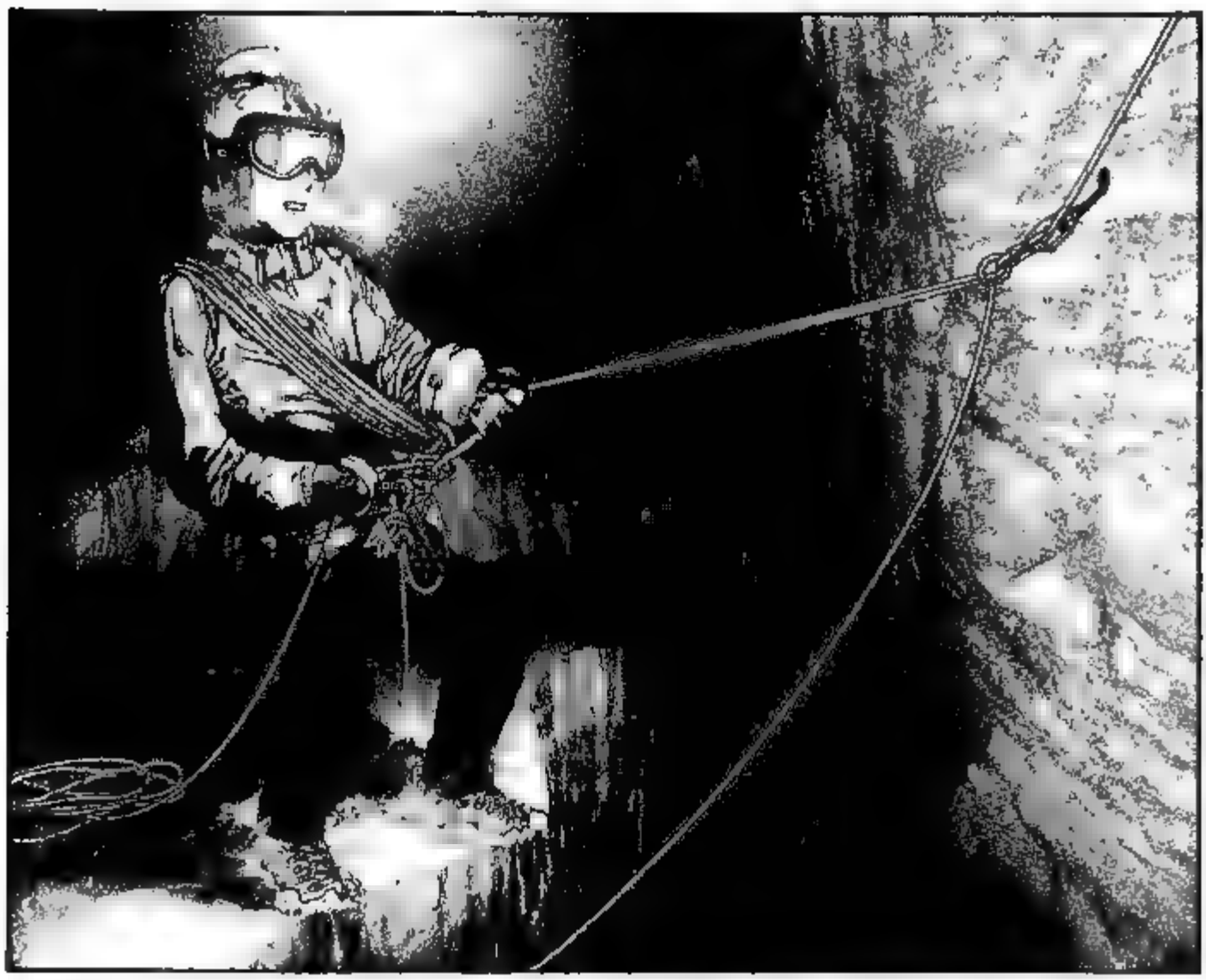

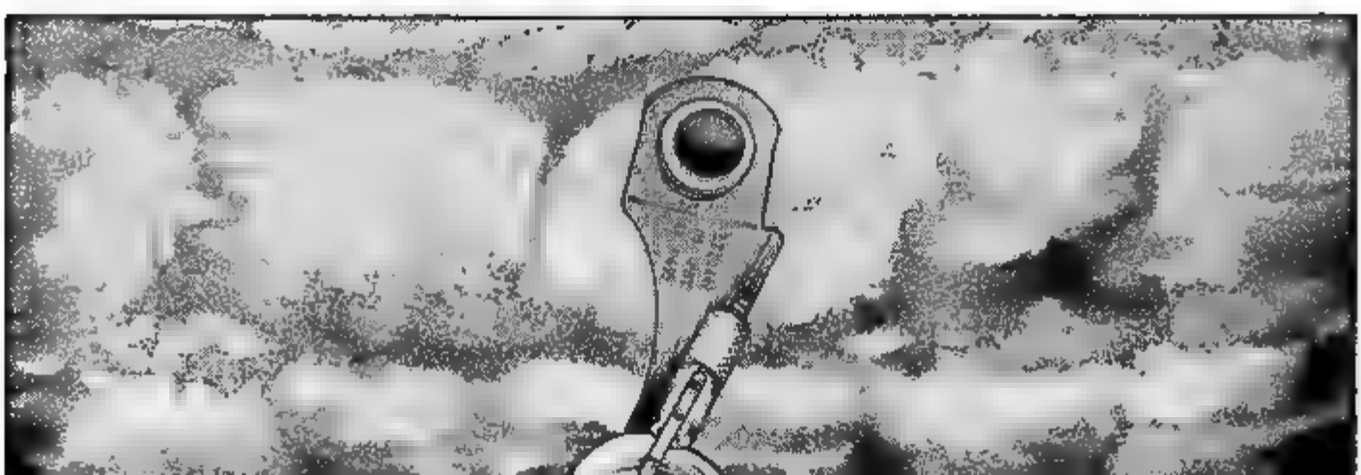

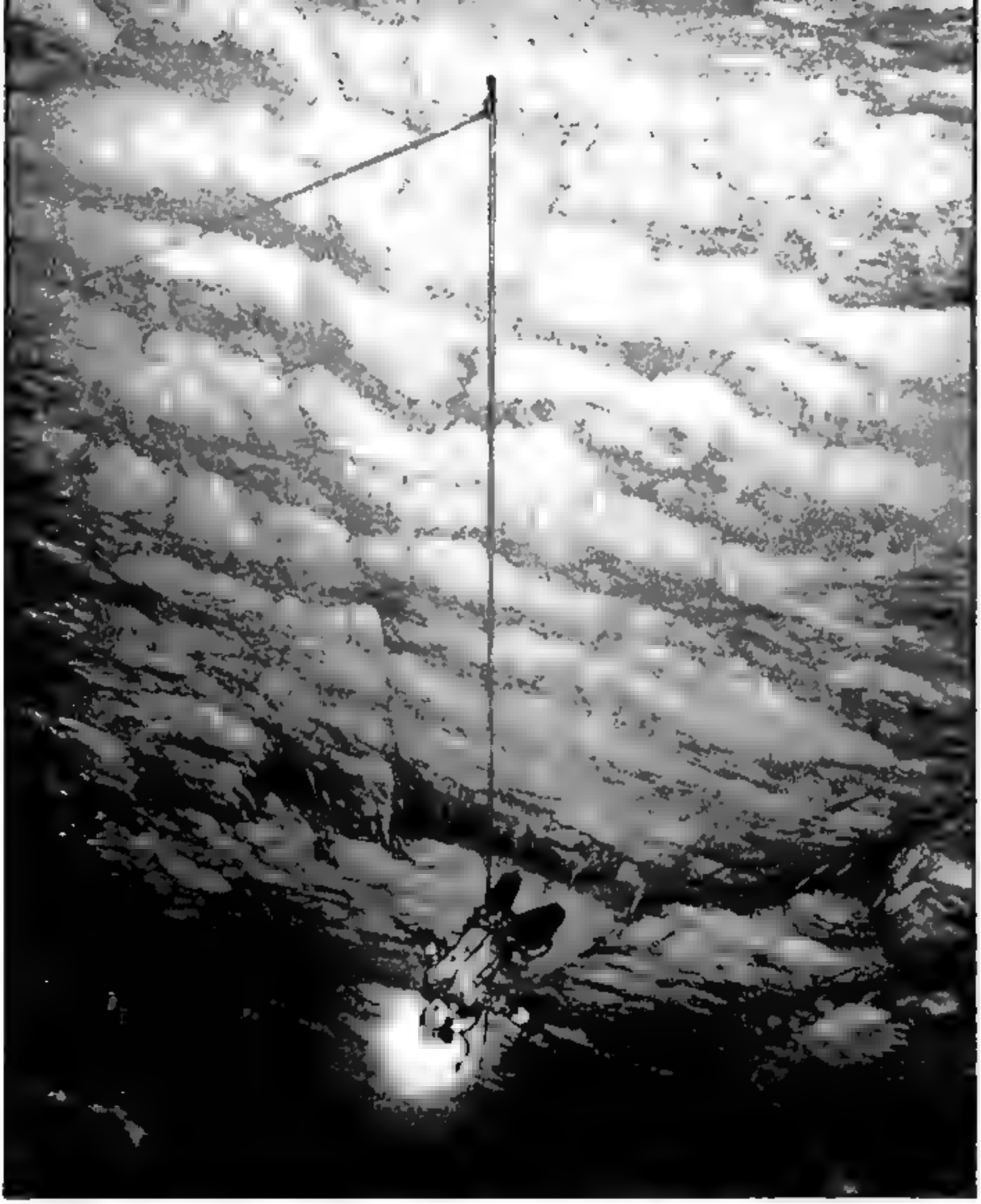

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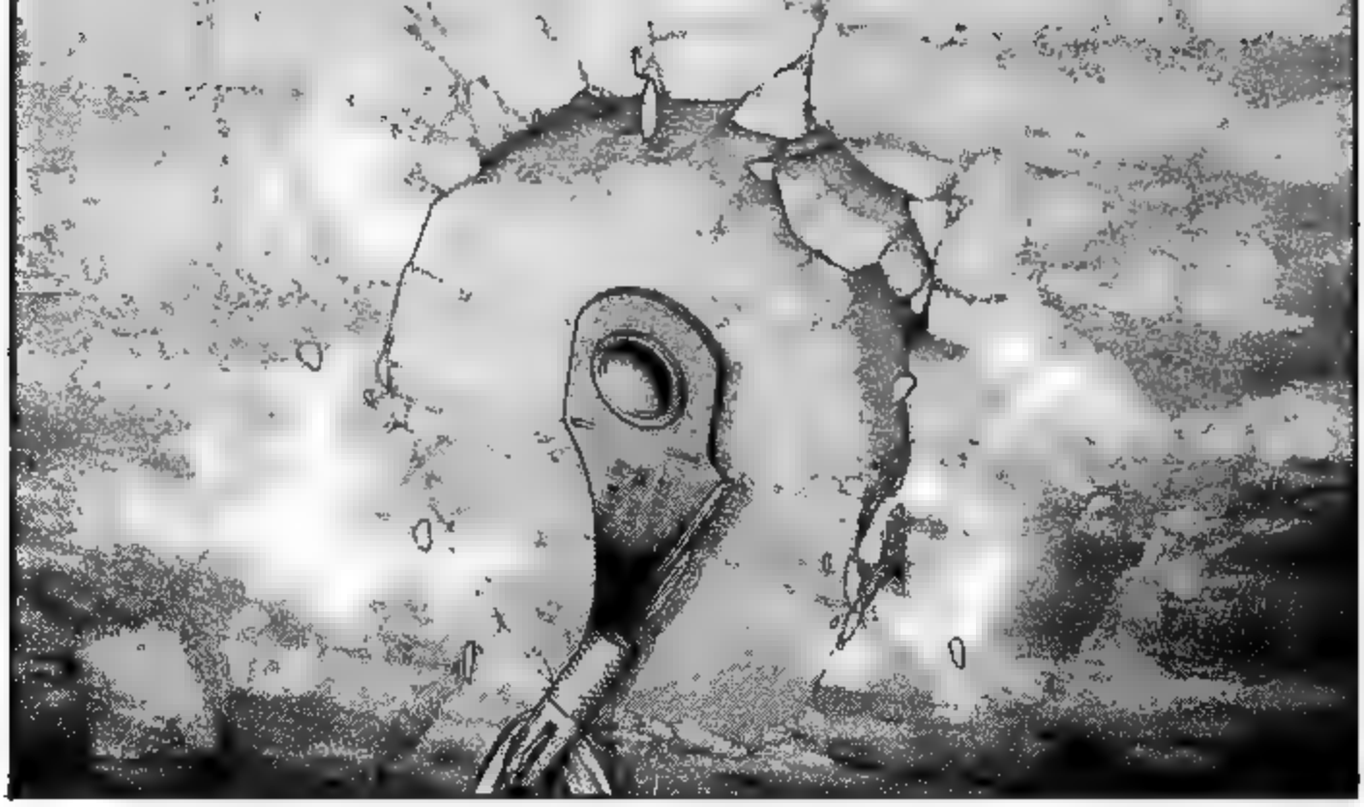
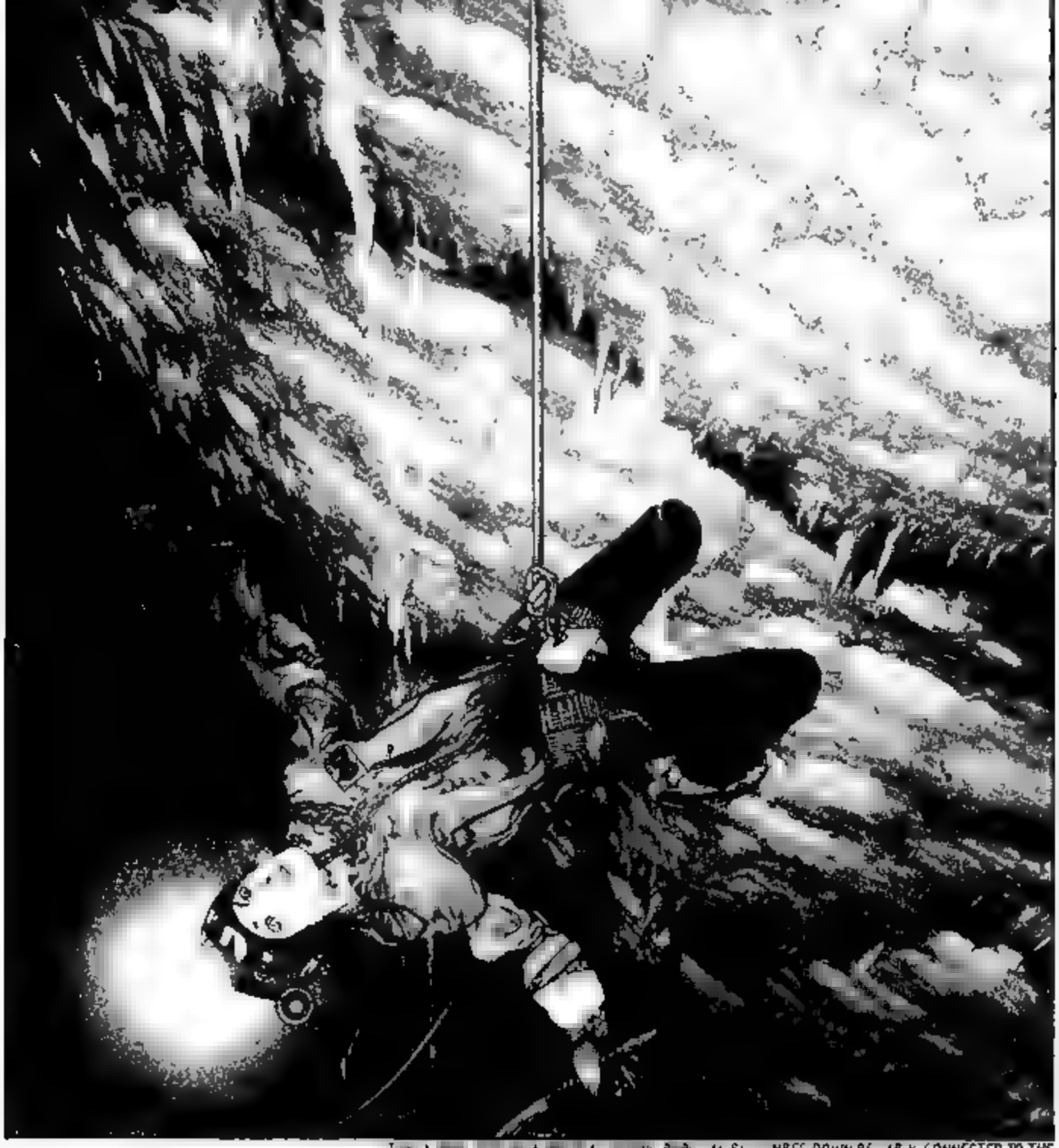
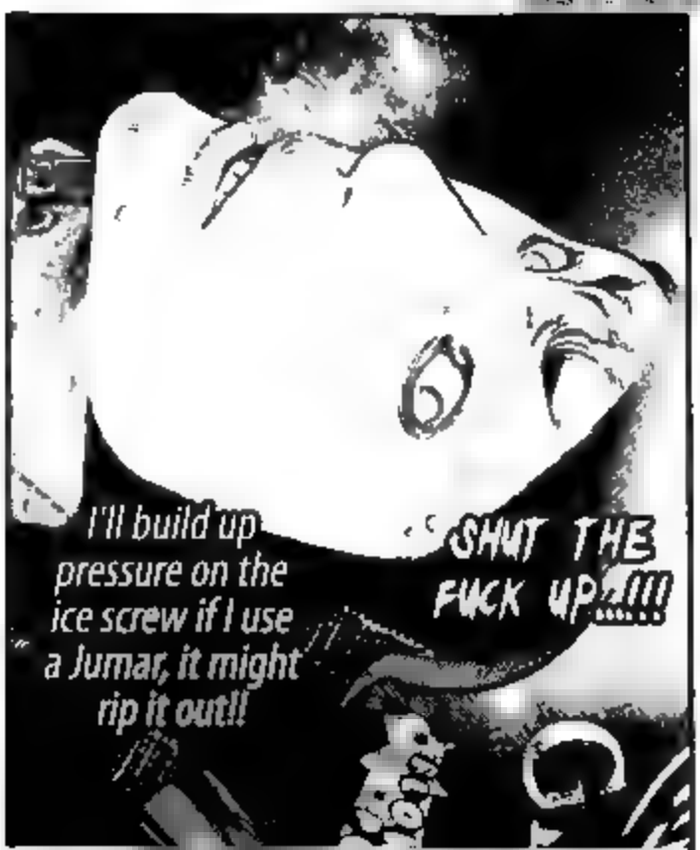
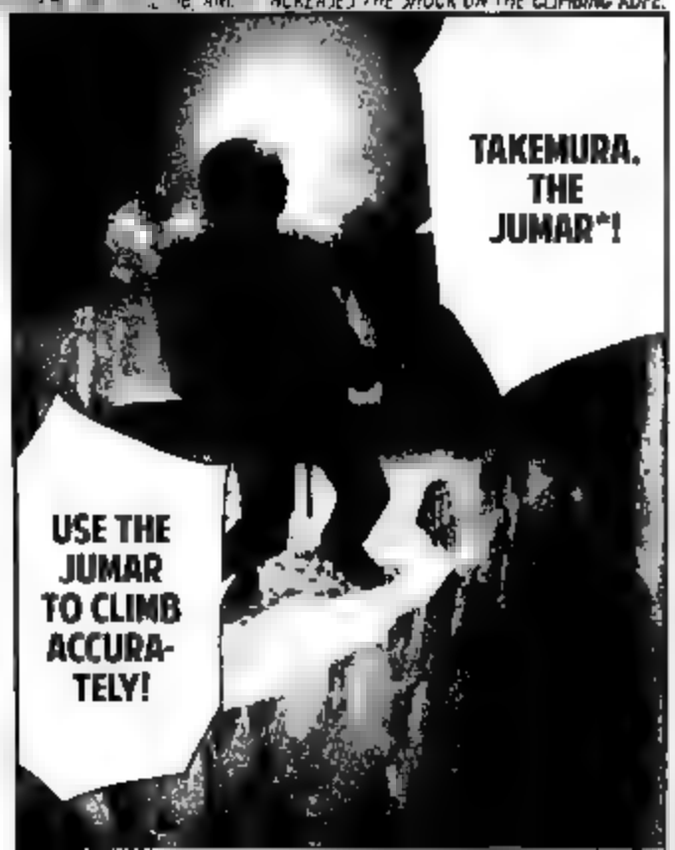
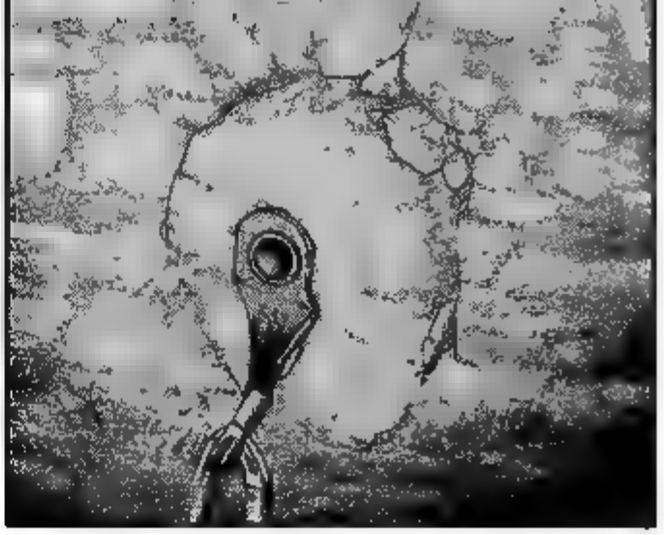




MBEC DOWN RELIABLY CONNECTED TO THE
NCREASES THE SHOCK ON THE CLIMBING ROPE.

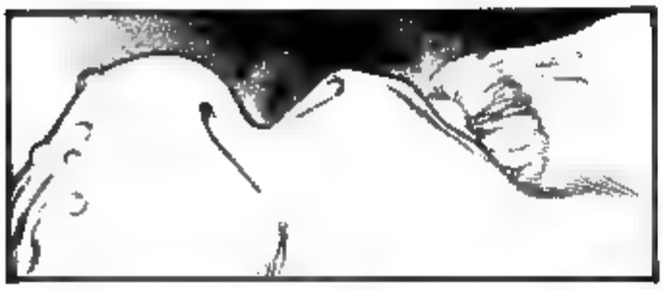


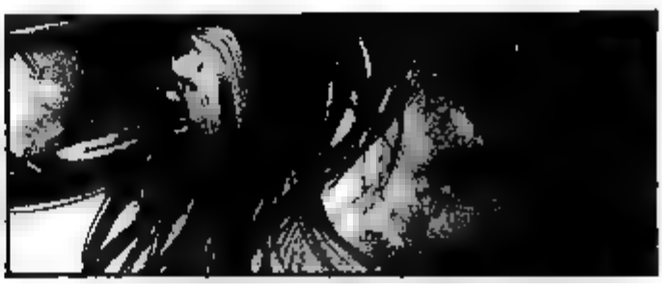


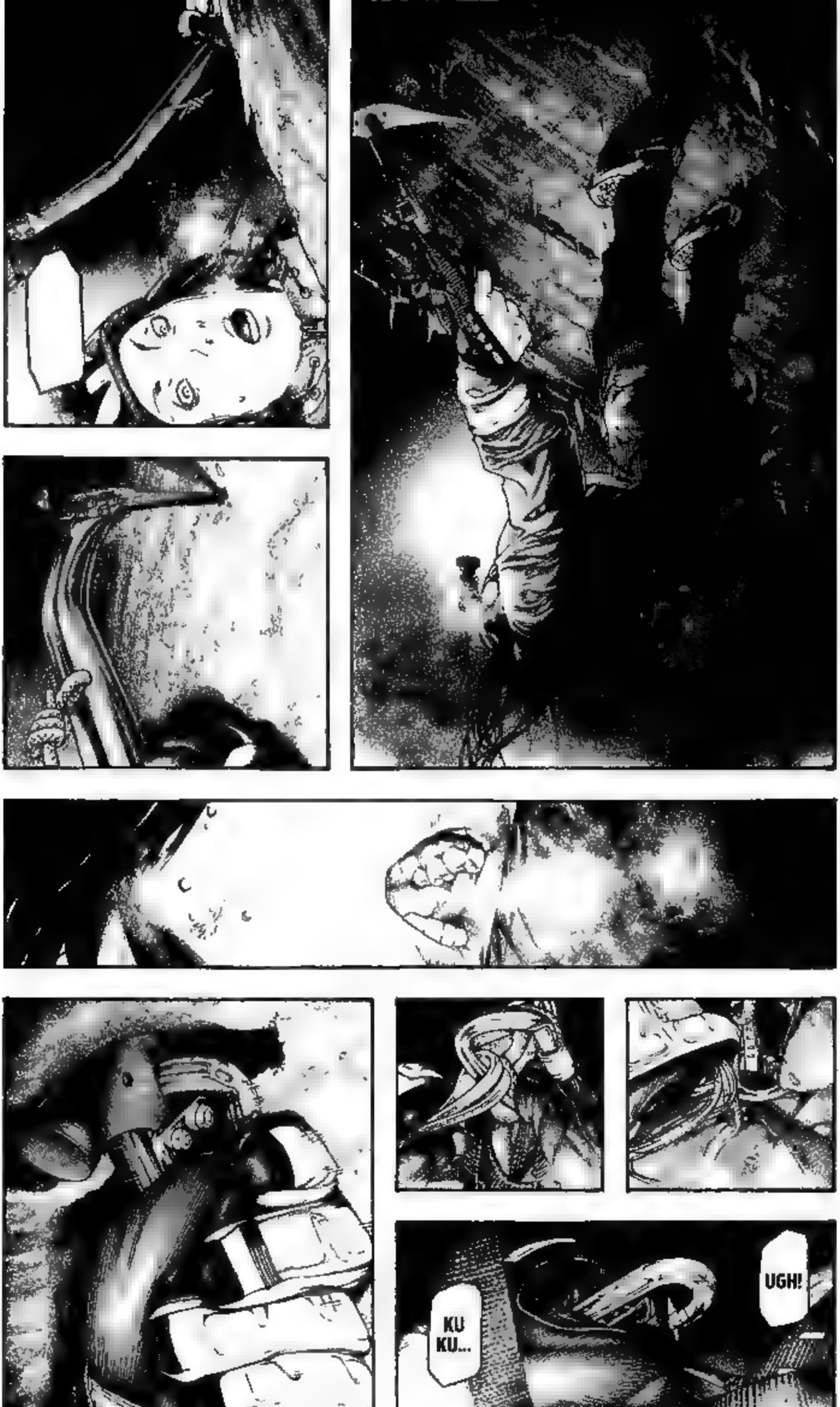


I can't waste a second, I need to get the pressure on that screw down to zero...!

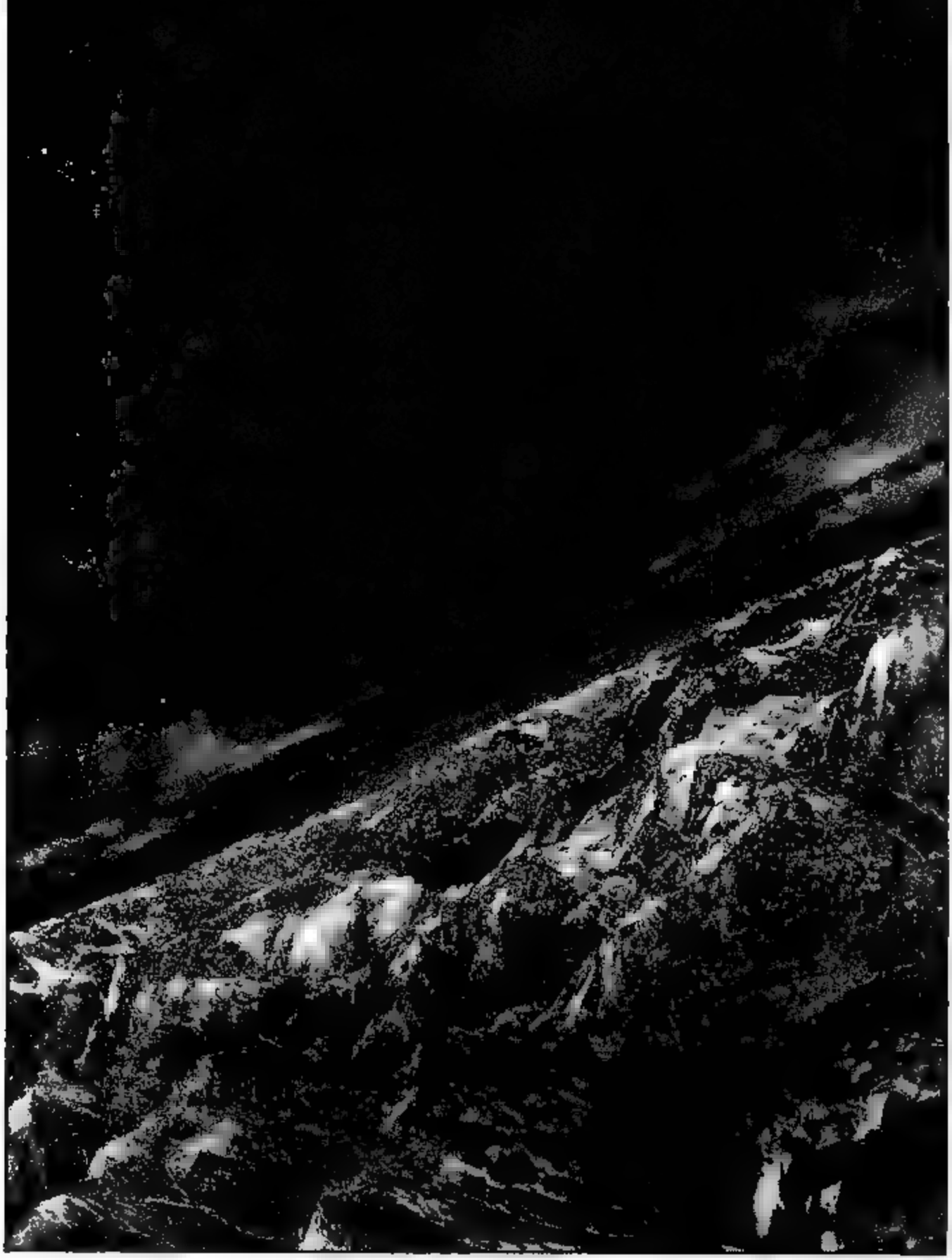
Did I gain too much distance traversing this...!!?
Shit, even though my right arm's already cramped up, I don't have any strength in it!






KU
KU...
UGH!

Now...
I can relax...



Are you watching, Yumi-san...?
This is the scenery of the K2 East-Face.

AYUMU TAKEMURA OFFICIAL HOMEPAGE
SHOCKING THE WORLD!! THE K2 EAST-FACE CHALLENGE IS ON!!
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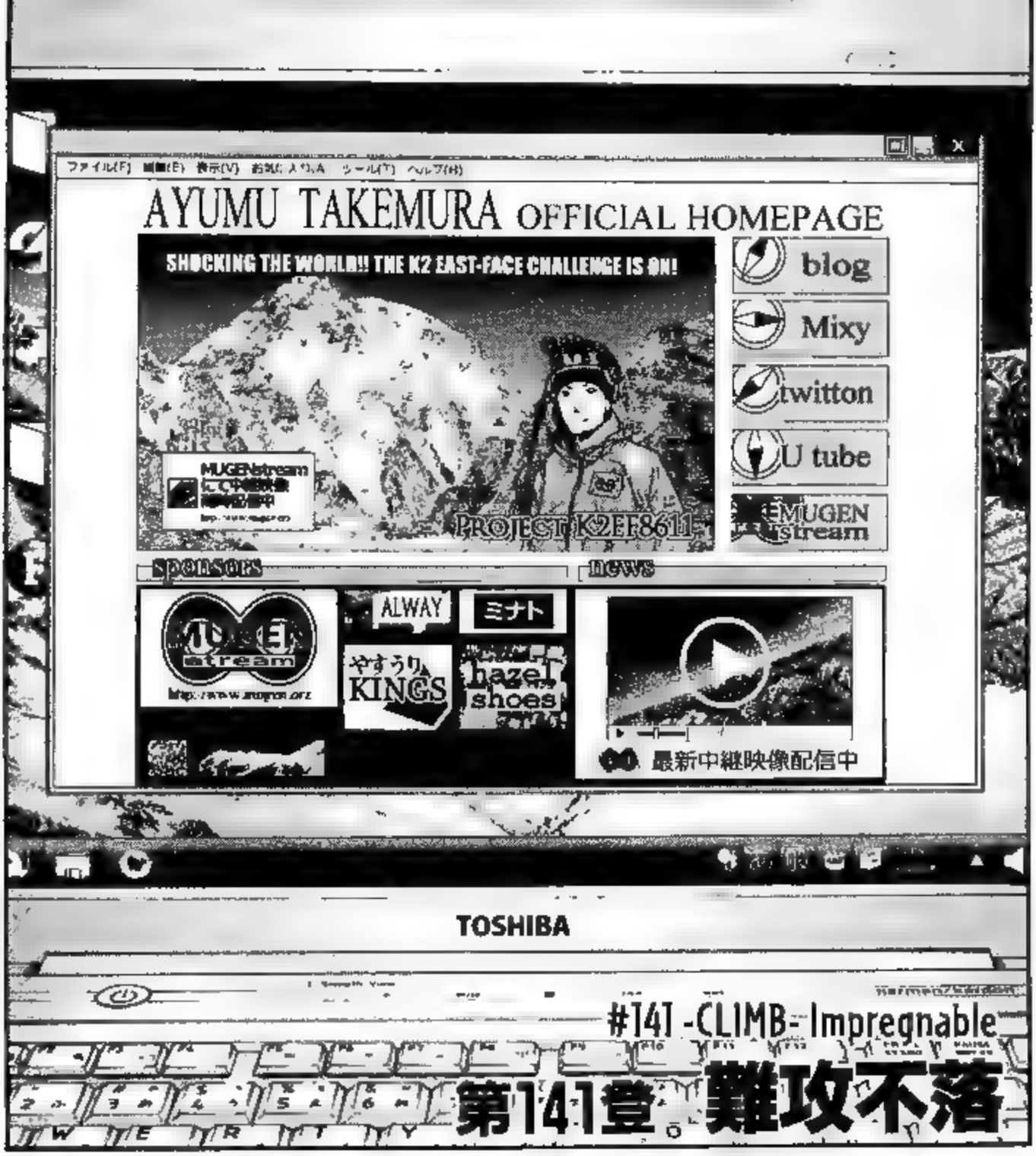

#141 -CLIMB- Impregnable

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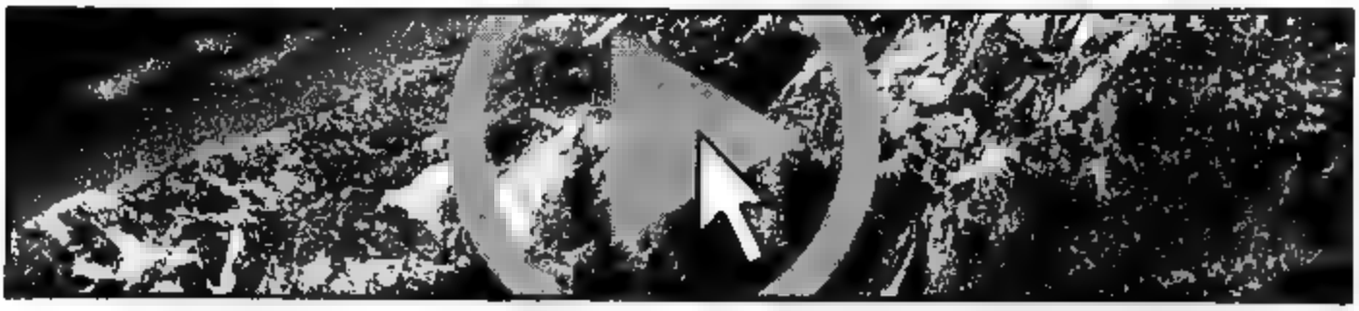

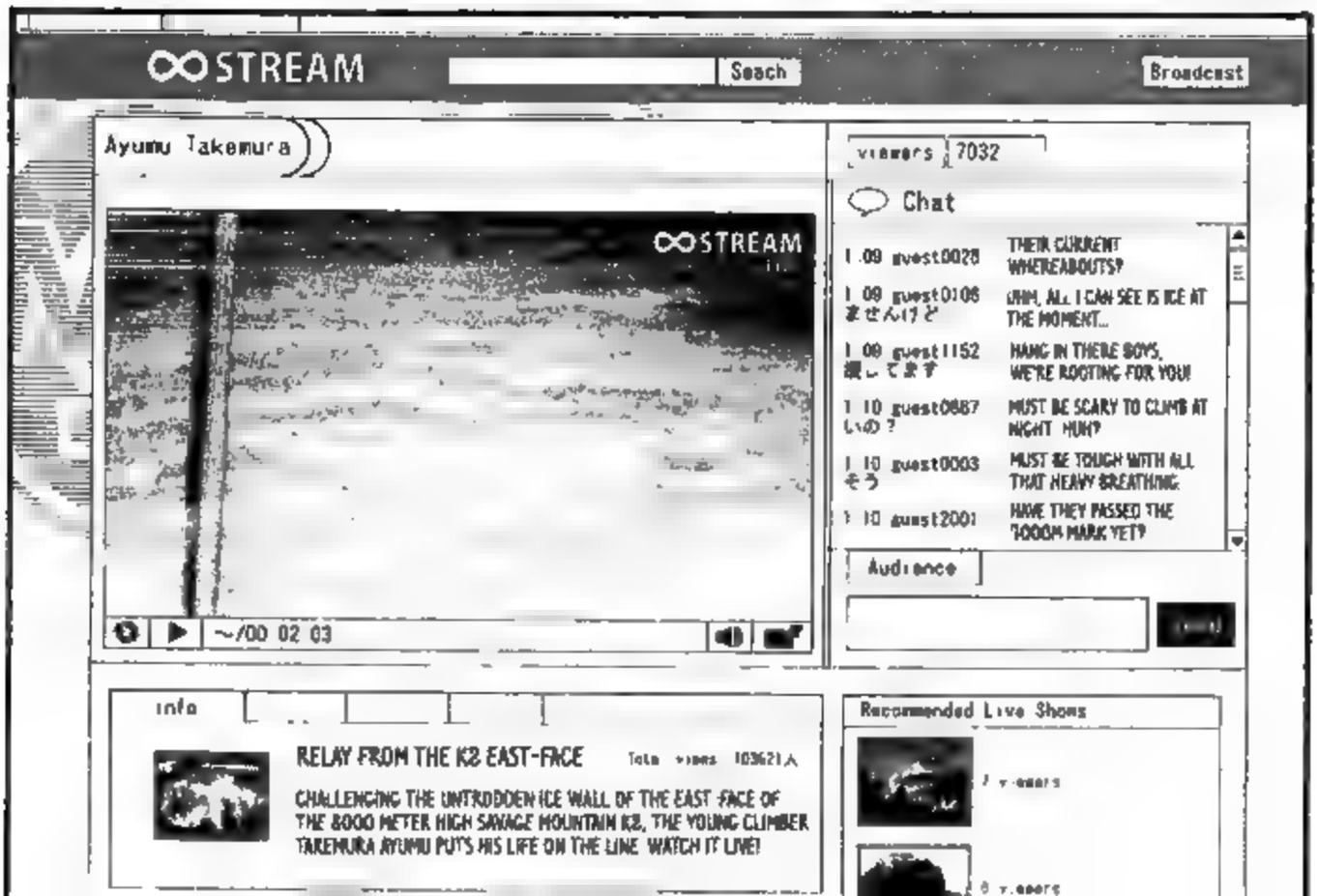
STREAM
Seach
Broadcast
Ayumu Takemura
viewers 7032
Chat
1 09 guest0028 THEIR CURRENT WHEREABOUTS?
1 09 guest0106 ませんけど (MM, ALL I CAN SEE IS ICE AT THE MOMENT...
1 09 guest1152 HANG IN THERE BOYS, WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU!
1 10 guest0687 しの？ MUST BE SCARY TO CLIMB AT NIGHT HUH?
1 10 guest0003 そう MUST BE TOUGH WITH ALL THAT HEAVY BREATHING.
1 10 guest2001 HAVE THEY PASSED THE 7000M MARK YET?
Audience
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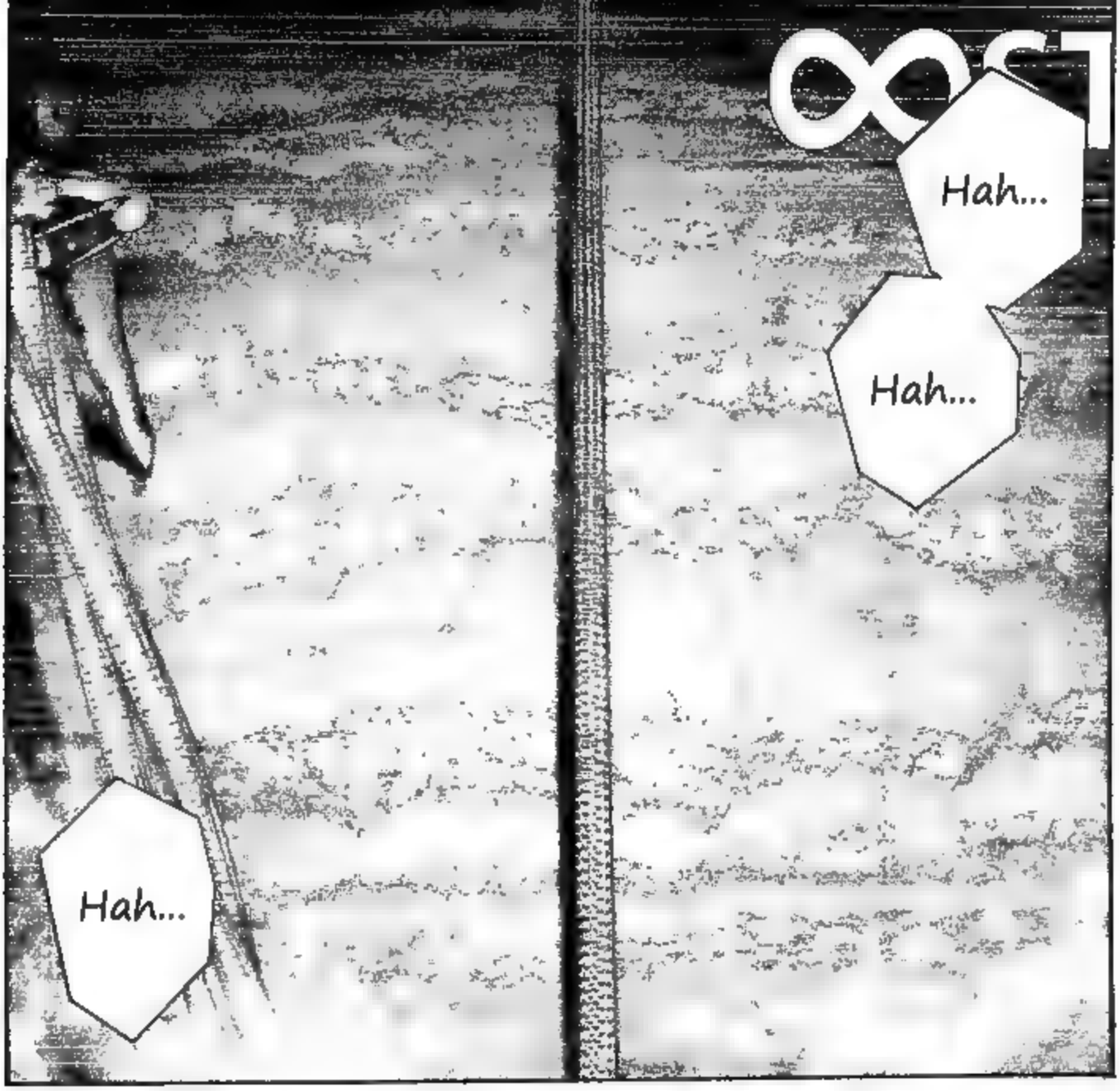
info
RELAY FROM THE K2 EAST-FACE
CHALLENGING THE UNTRODDEN ICE WALL OF THE EAST FACE OF THE 8000 METER HIGH SAVAGE MOUNTAIN K2, THE YOUNG CLIMBER TAKEMURA AYUMU PUTS HIS LIFE ON THE LINE. WATCH IT LIVE!
Recommended Live Shows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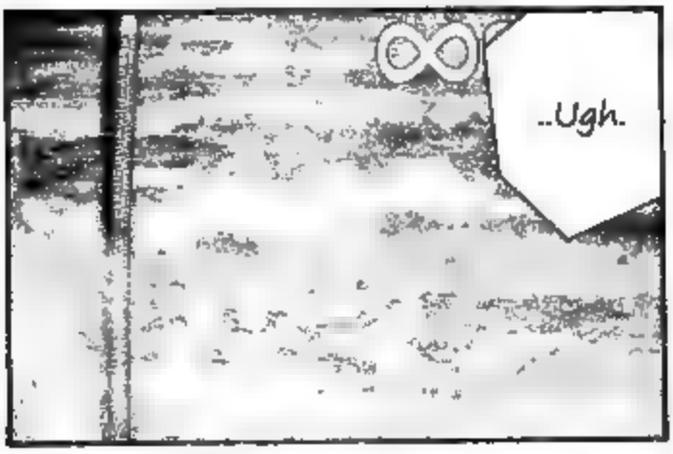
Hah...
Hah...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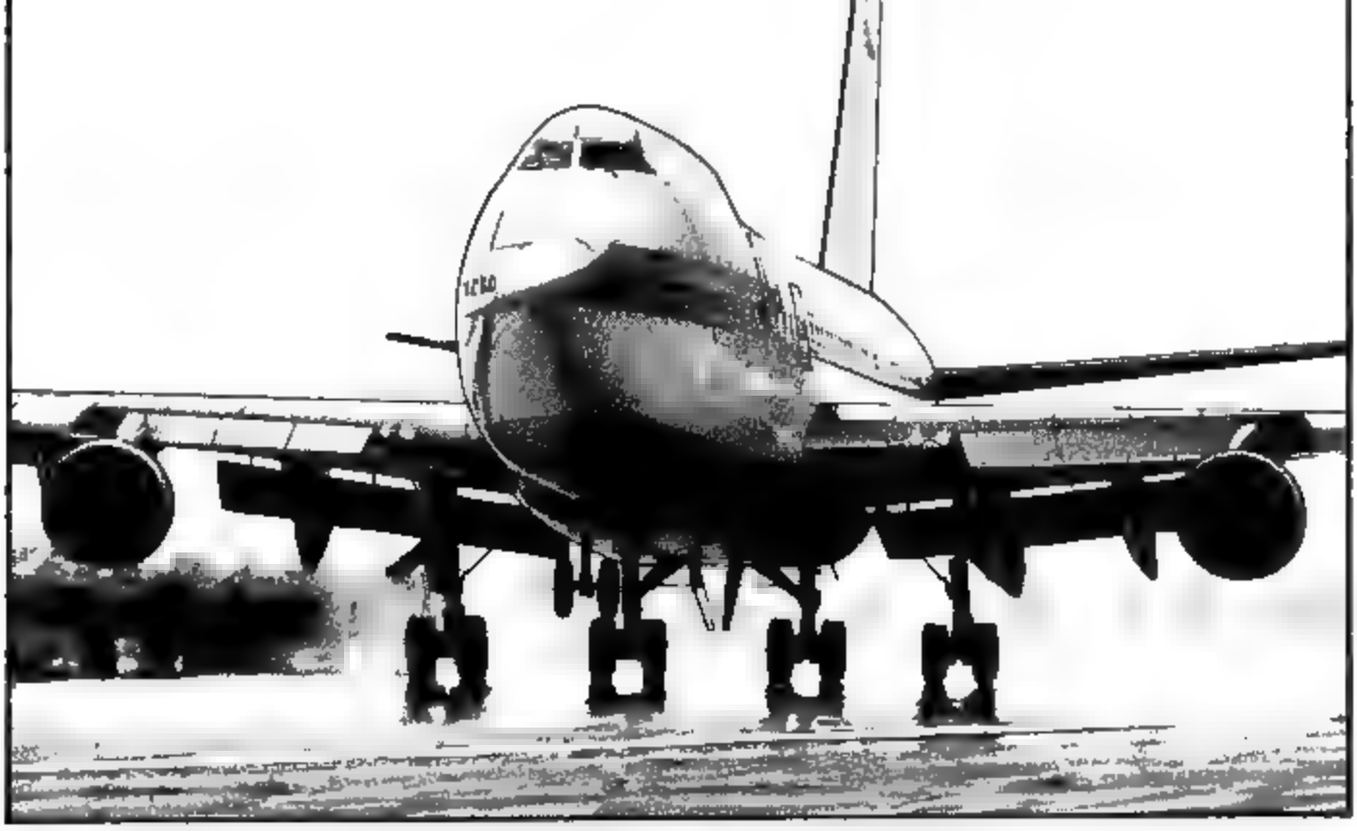

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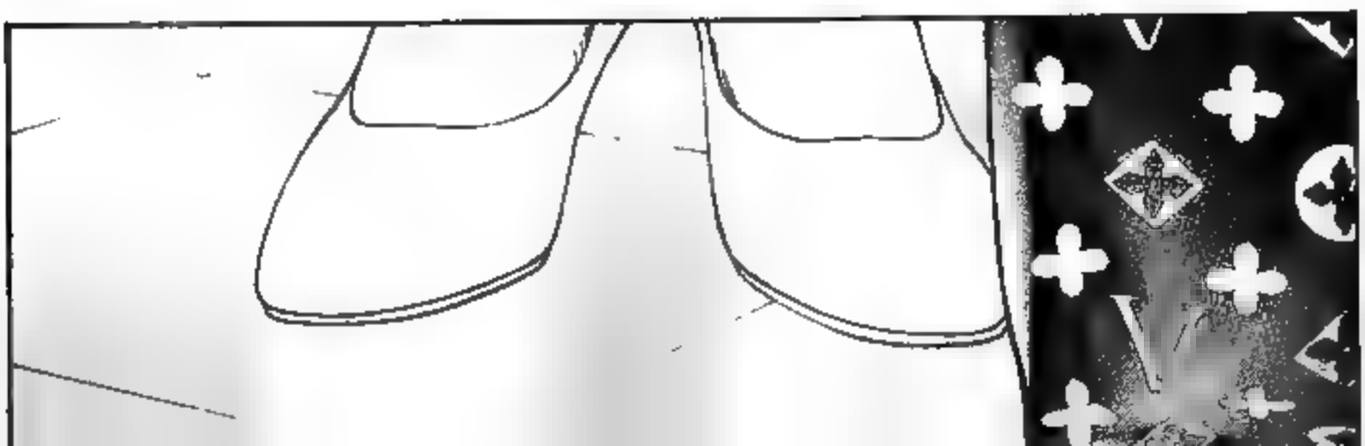
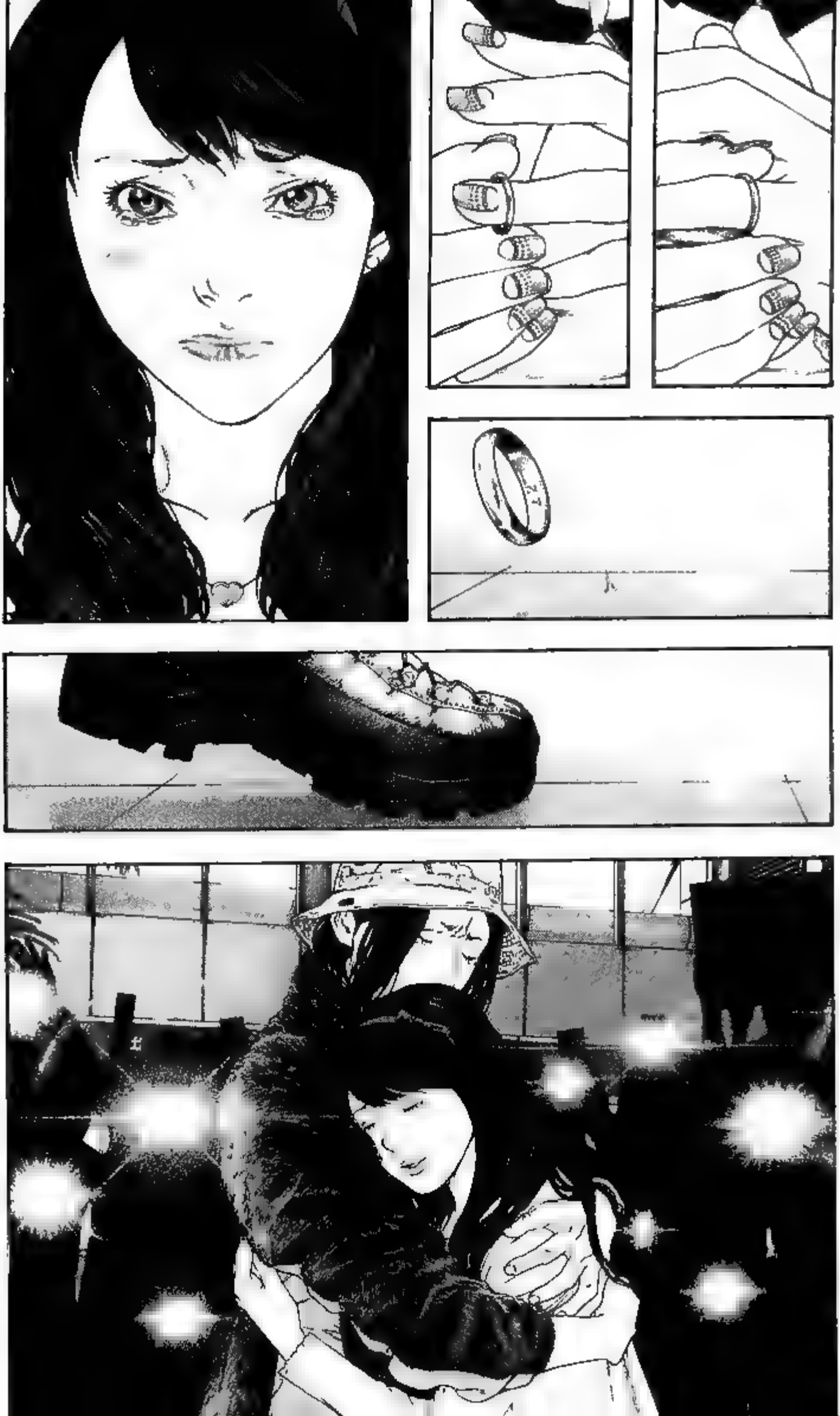
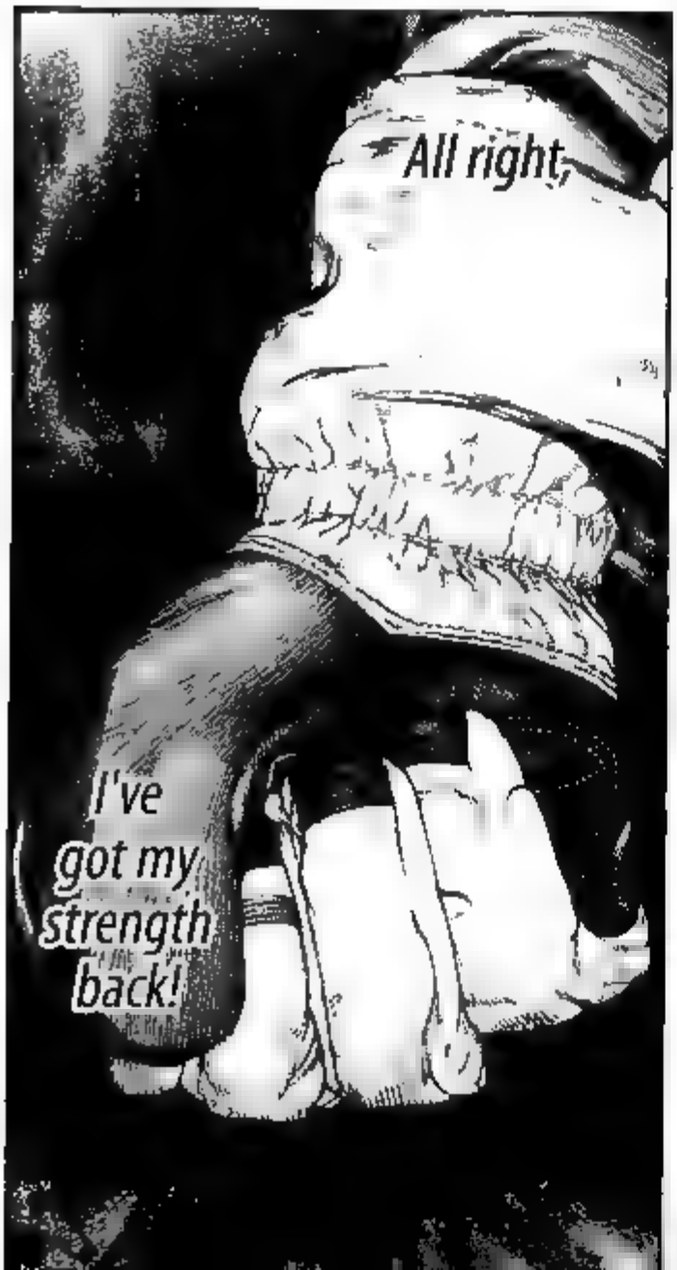
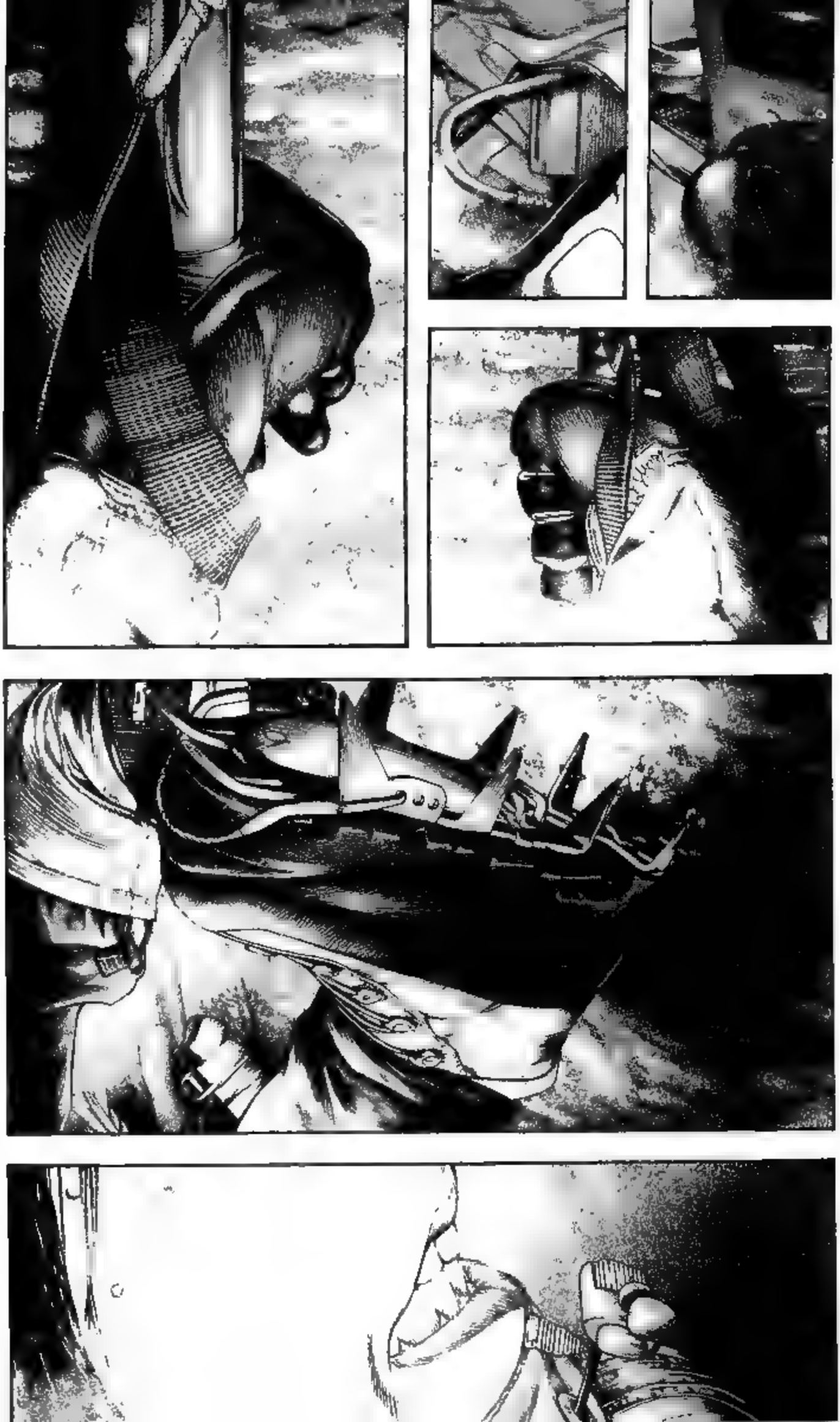





All right,
I've got my strength back!



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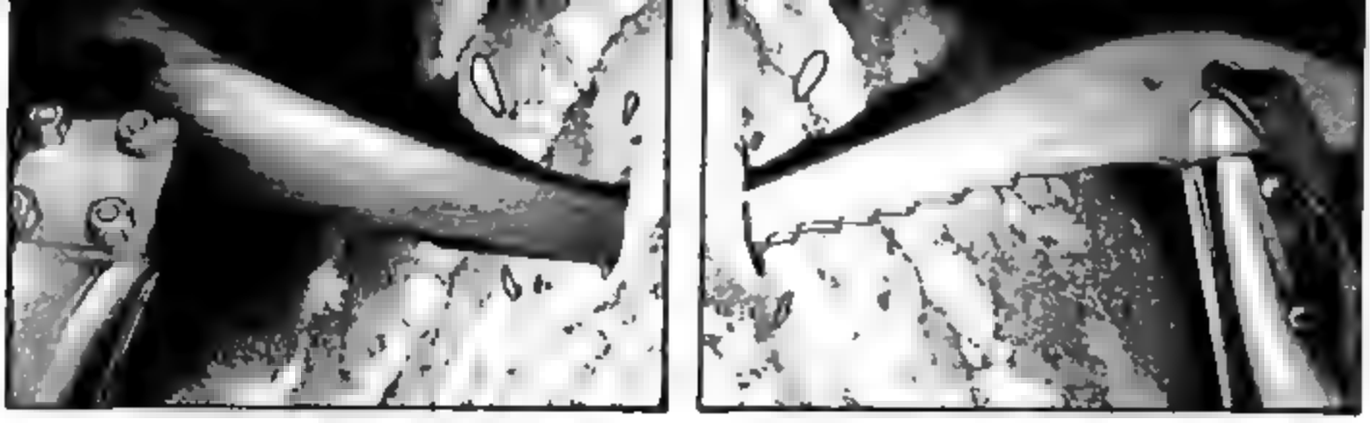
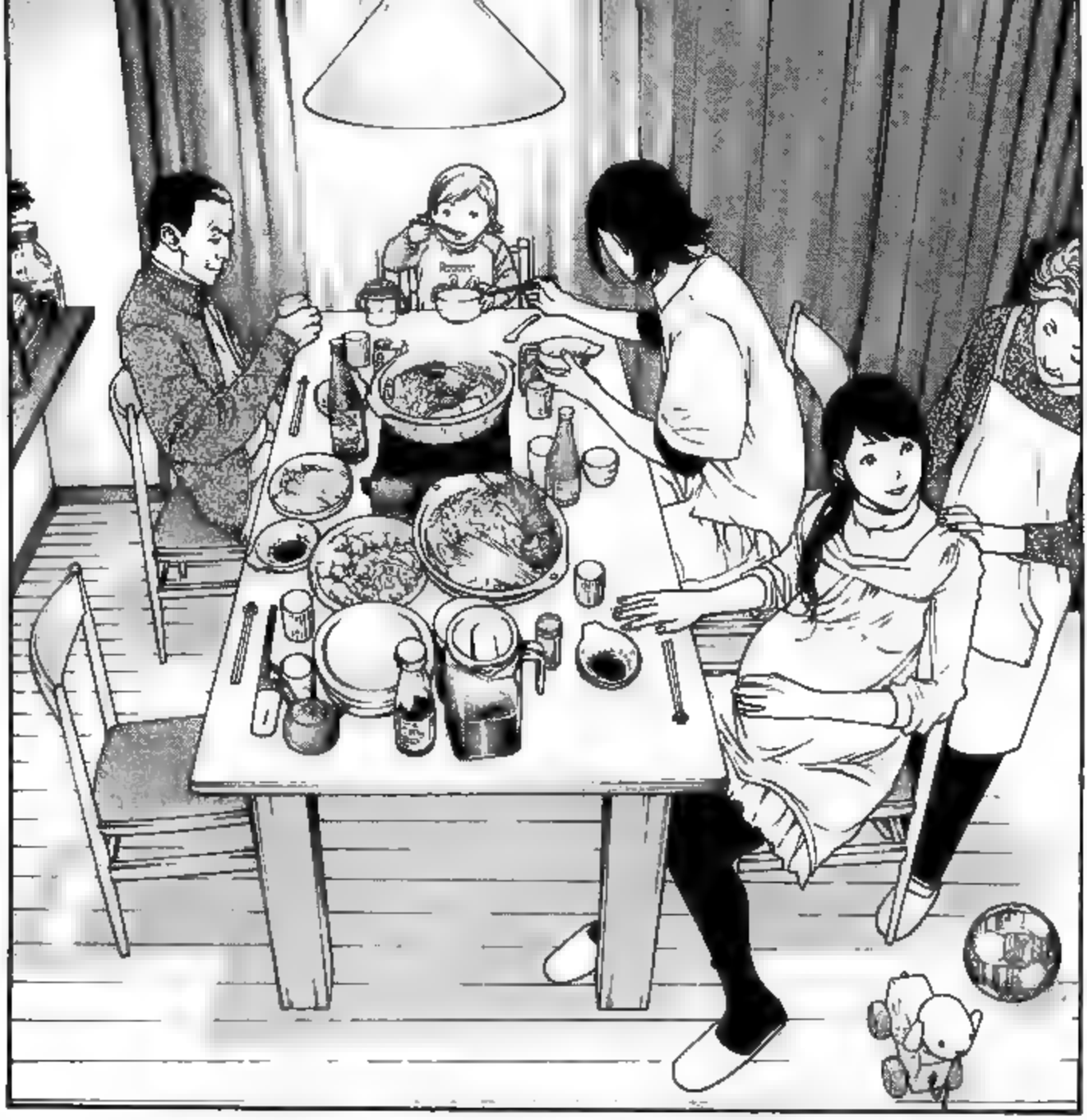
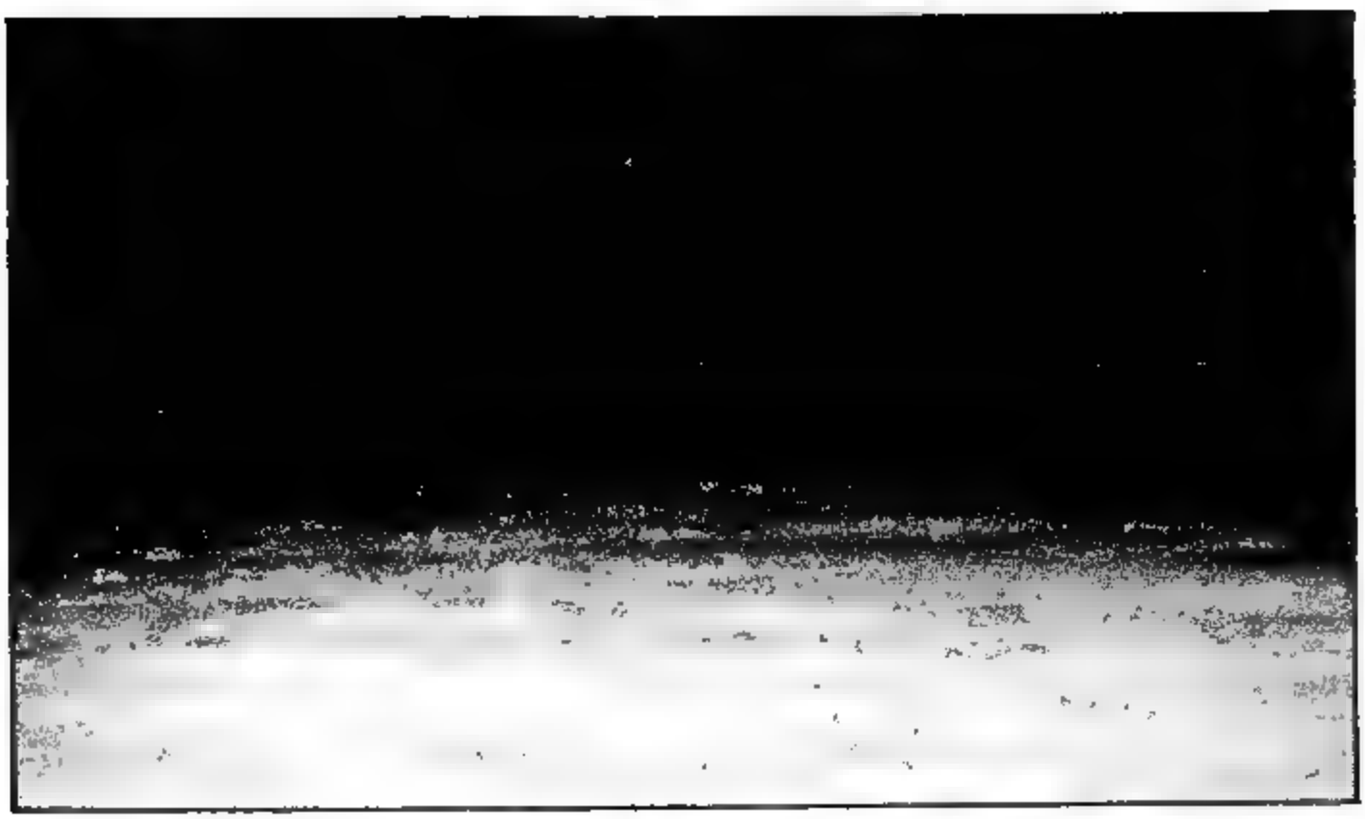
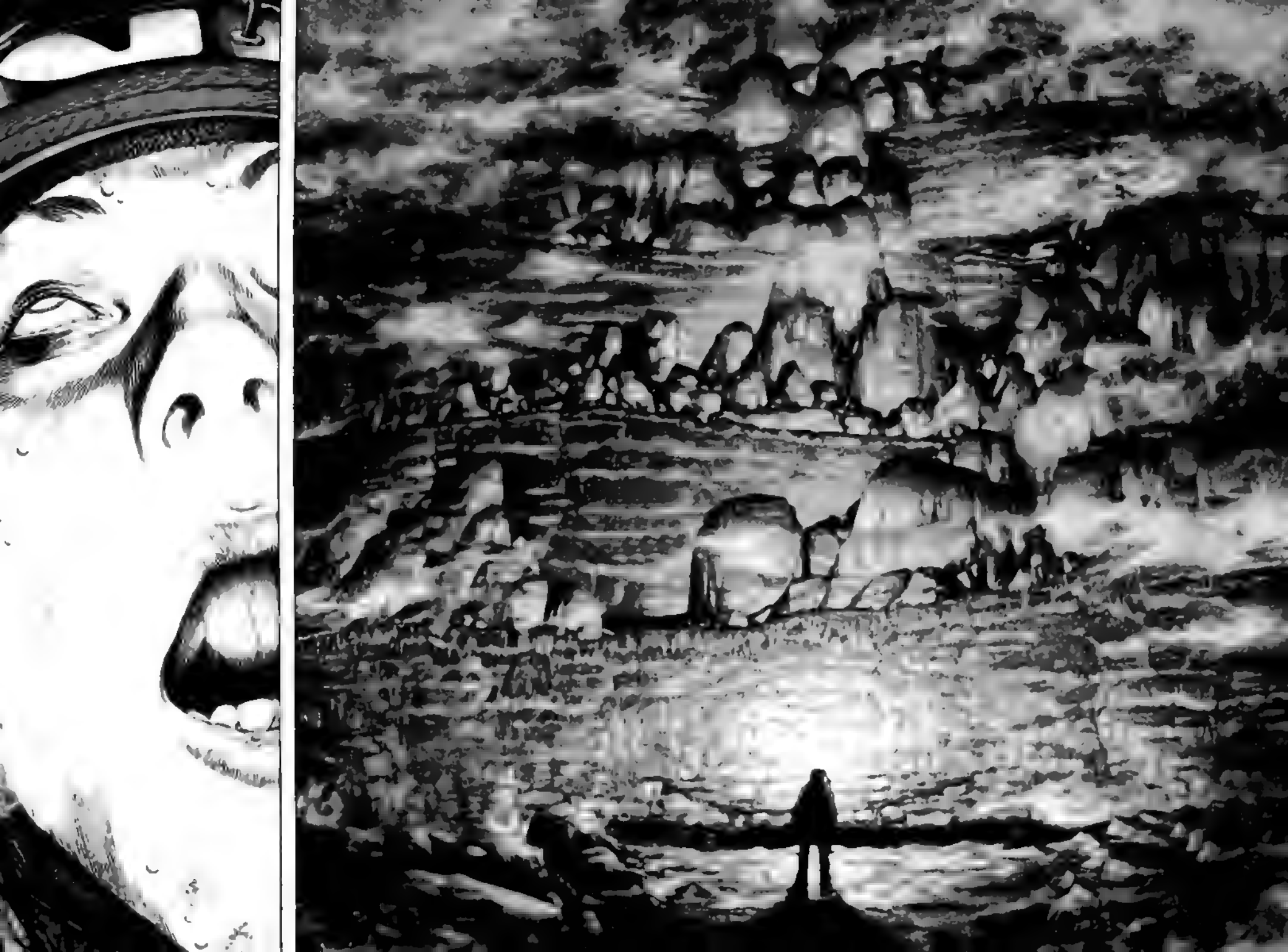


the great snow field...!
If I just get over this ser... I'll be in ... area unt... ...hed by man,







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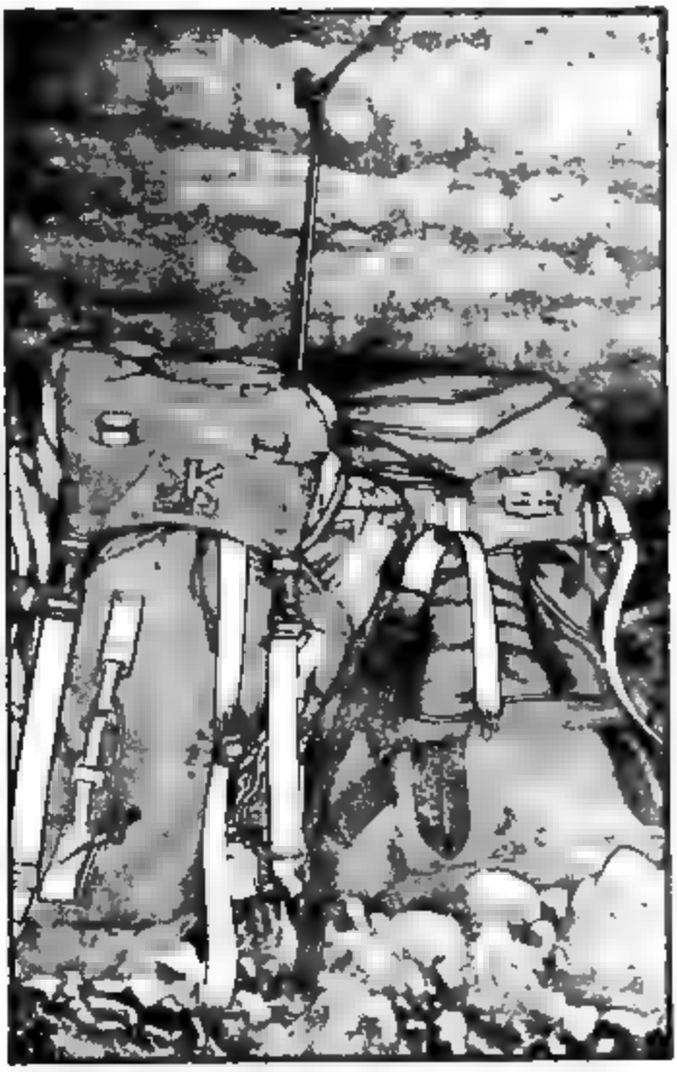

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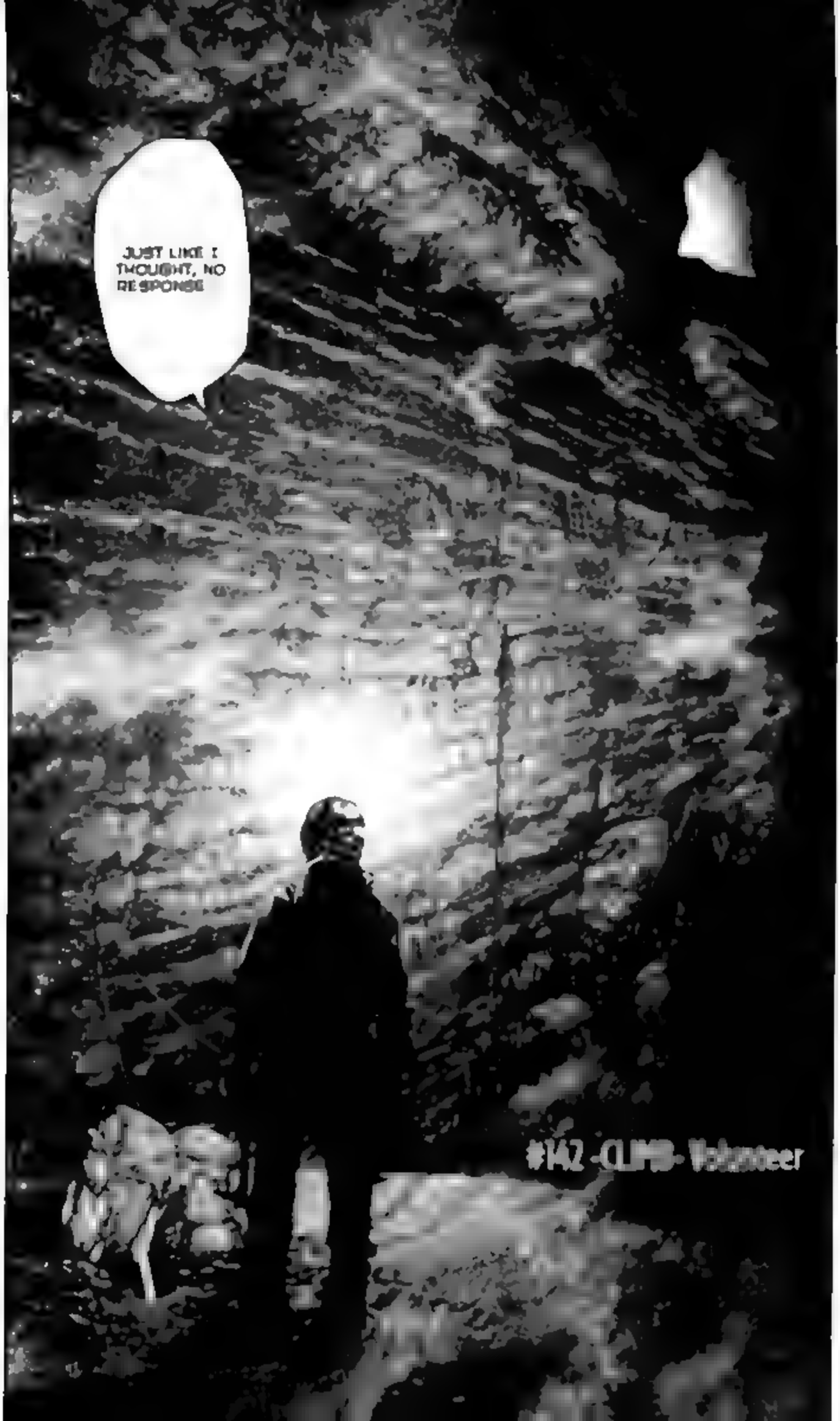
JUST LIKE I THOUGHT, NO RESPONSE
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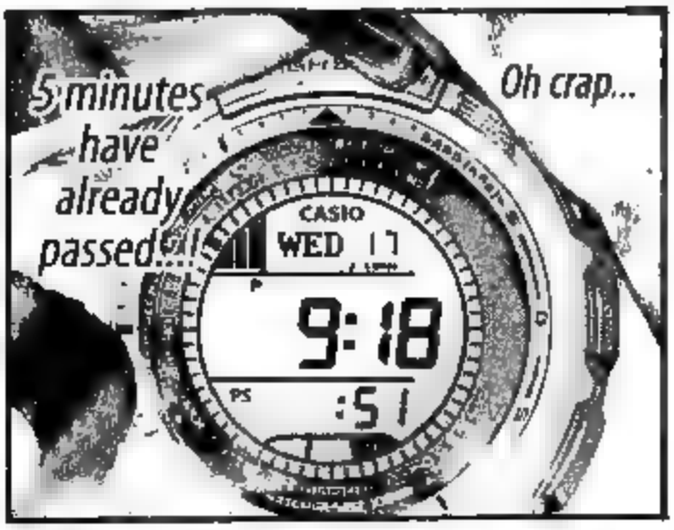
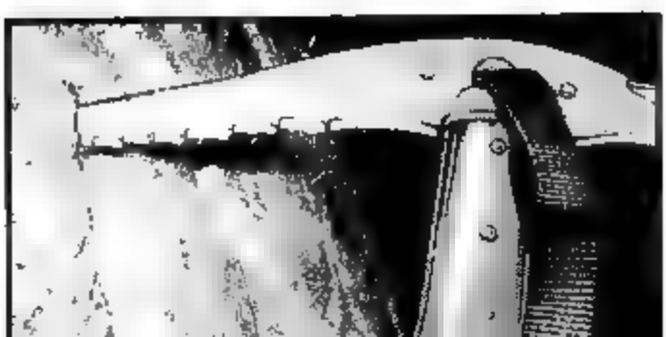
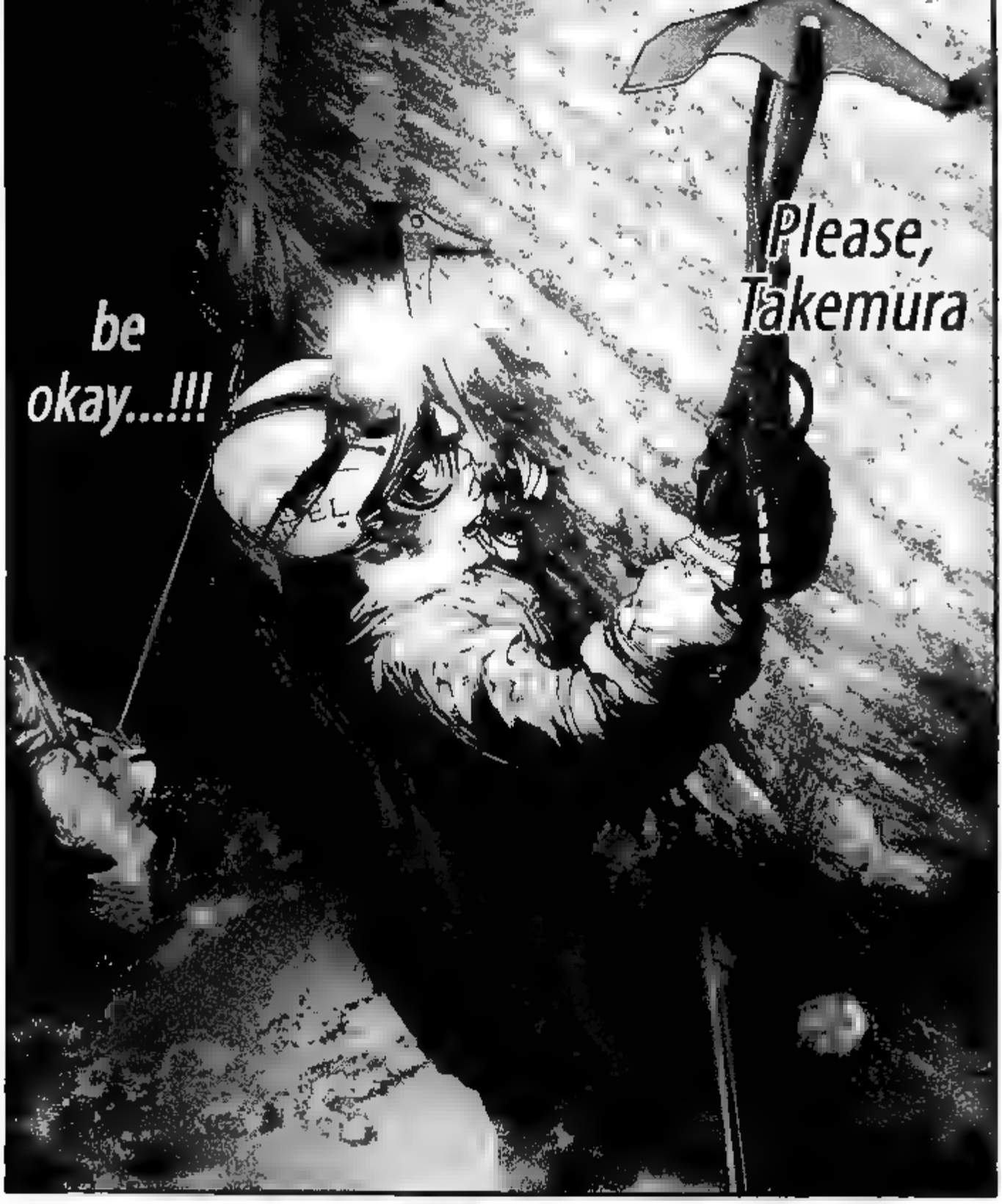
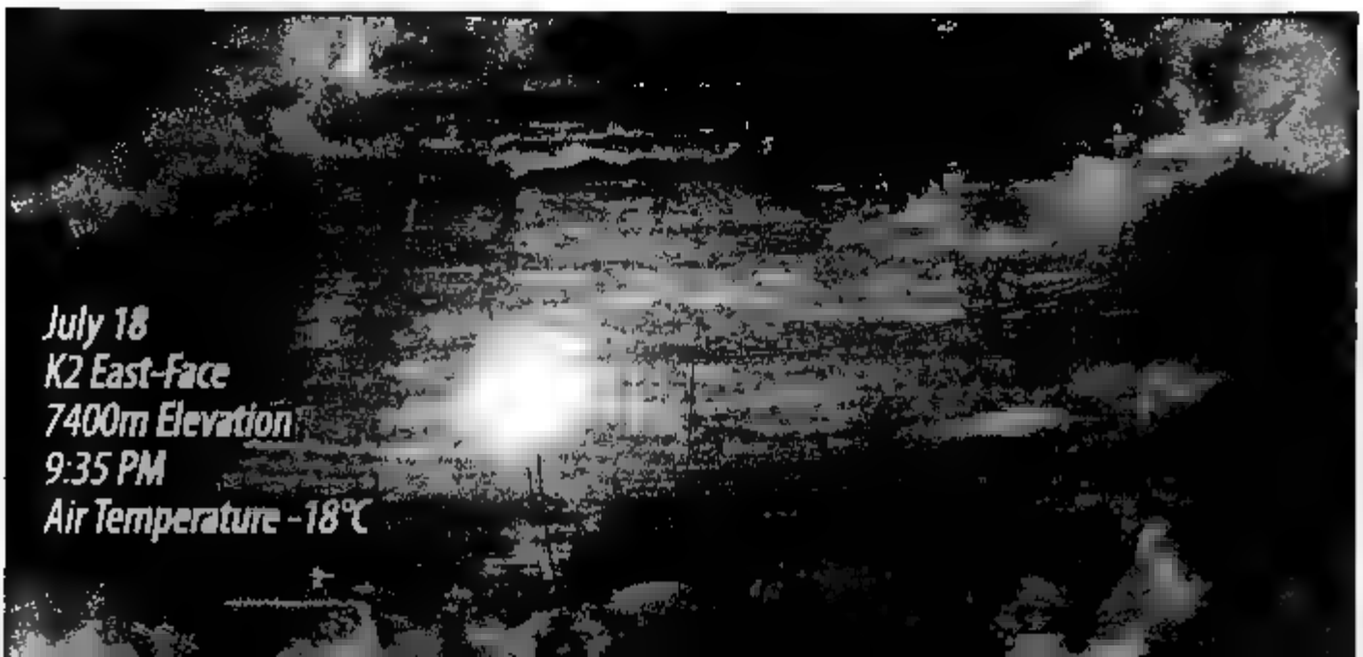


*RULES OF RESCUE AND LIFE SAVING GENERALLY SAY THAT THE SURVIVAL RATE IS ONLY HIGH WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES AFTER THE ACCIDENT



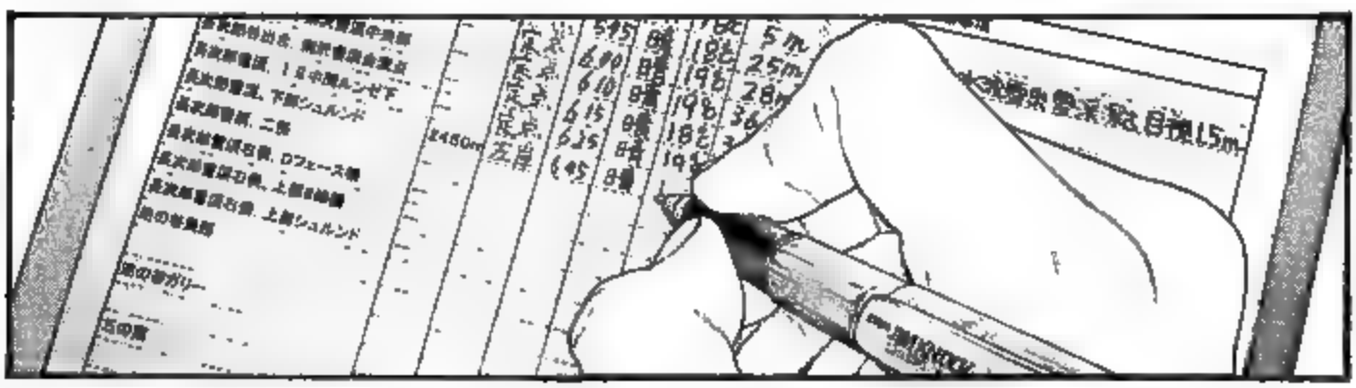

Please, Takemura
be okay...!!!


July 18
K2 East-Face
7400m Elevation
9:35 PM
Air Temperature -18℃

HUH?
AREN'T THOSE BOOTS ONE OF OURS?

*T/N: CRAMPONS ARE DEVICES THAT ARE STRAPPED TO BOOTS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MOVE SAFELY ON ICE

IS SICK OF WAITING FOR WINTER TO COME, ISN'T IT?
IT'S REALLY LIKE THIS SNOWY VALLEY...

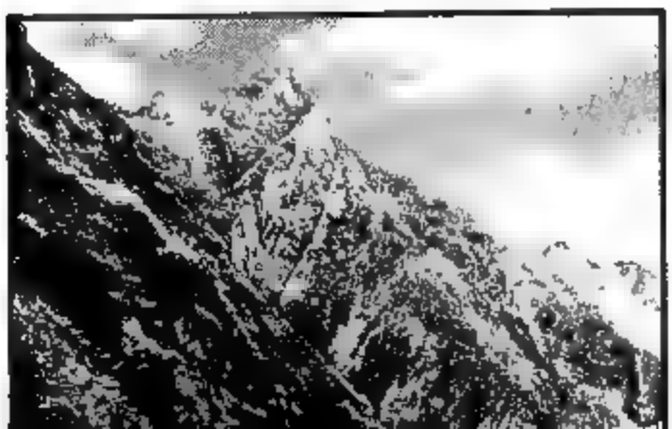


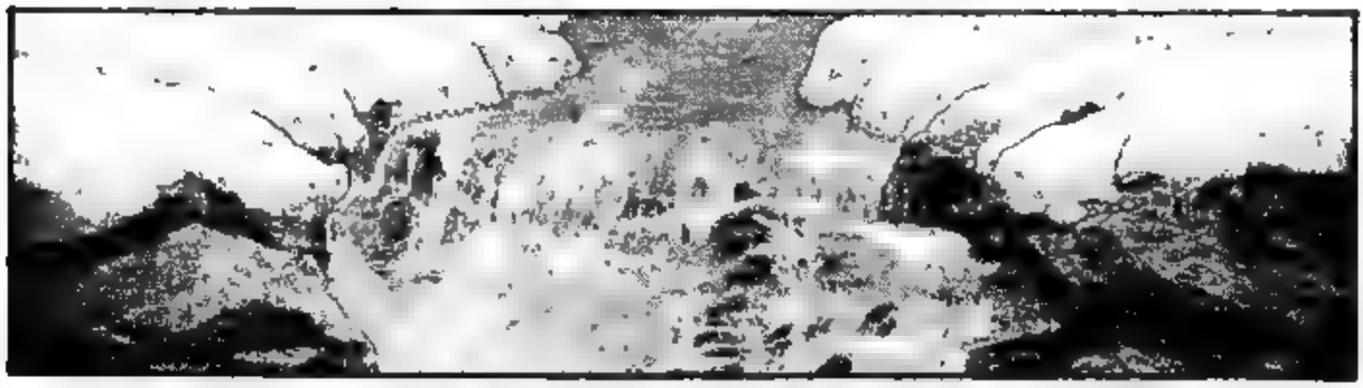
U...UM... YOU'RE THE FAMOUS SOLO CLIMBER MORI BUNTAROU. . SAN, RIGHT?
I... UH... CLIMB SNOWY MOUN-TAINS... TOO...

EH...

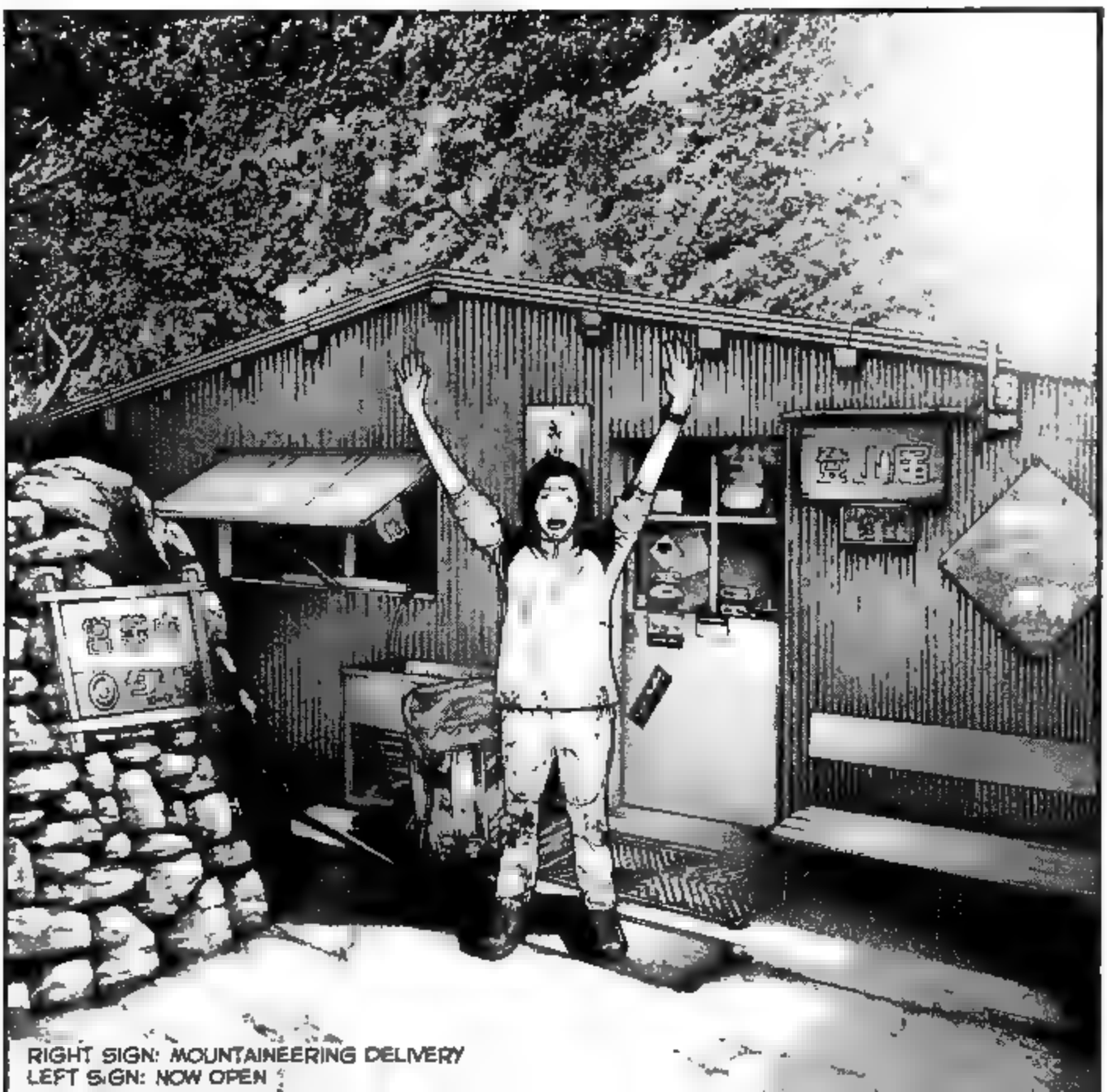
. . .UM,
I'M KINDA BUSY RIGHT NOW.

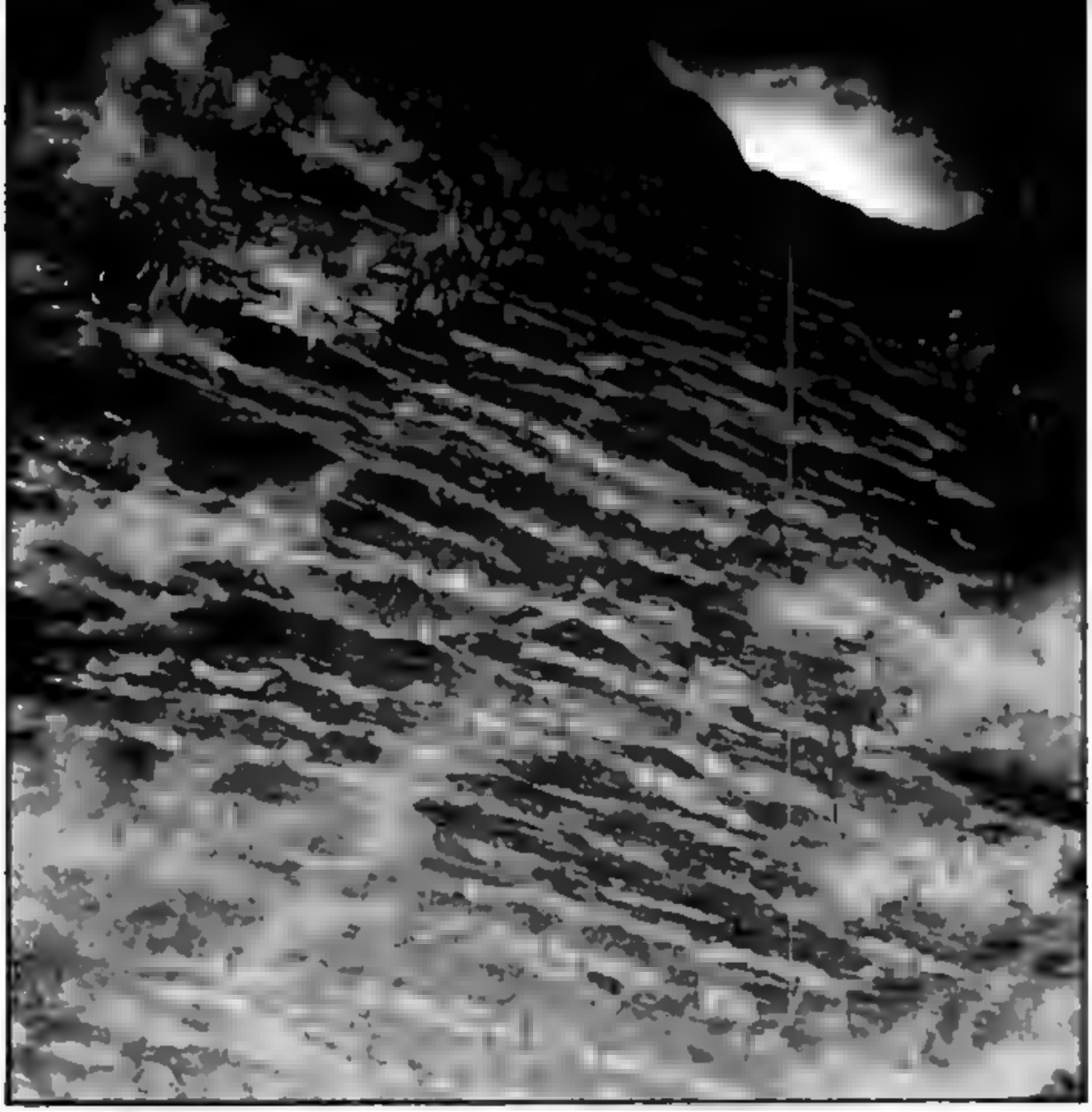
MO... MORI-SAN!?
EH.. UM,

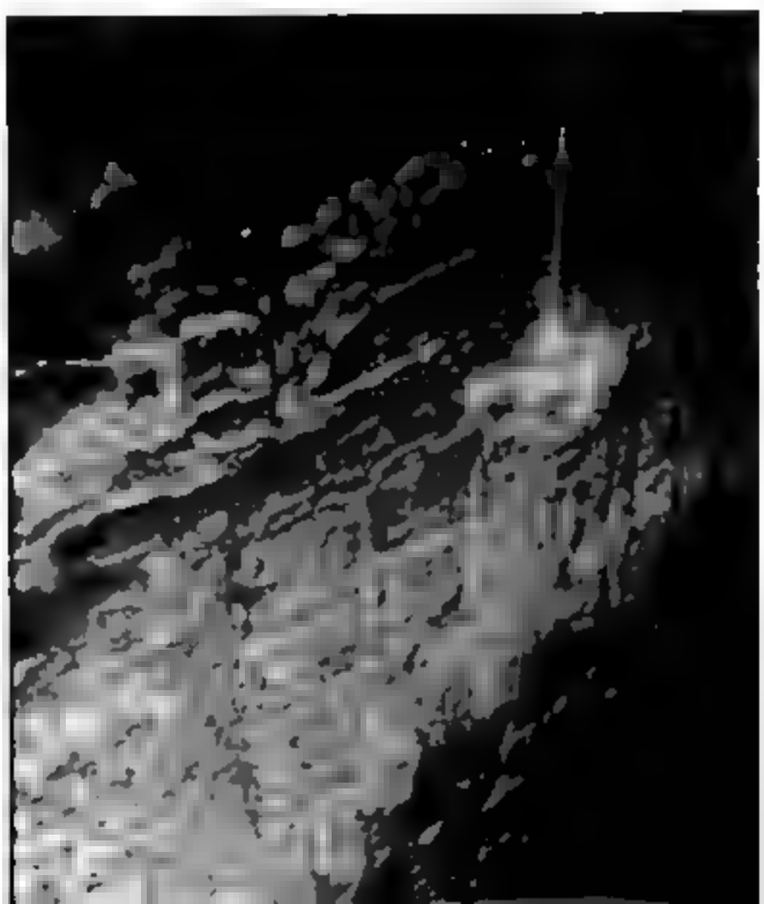




*A CRACK IN A GLACIER.

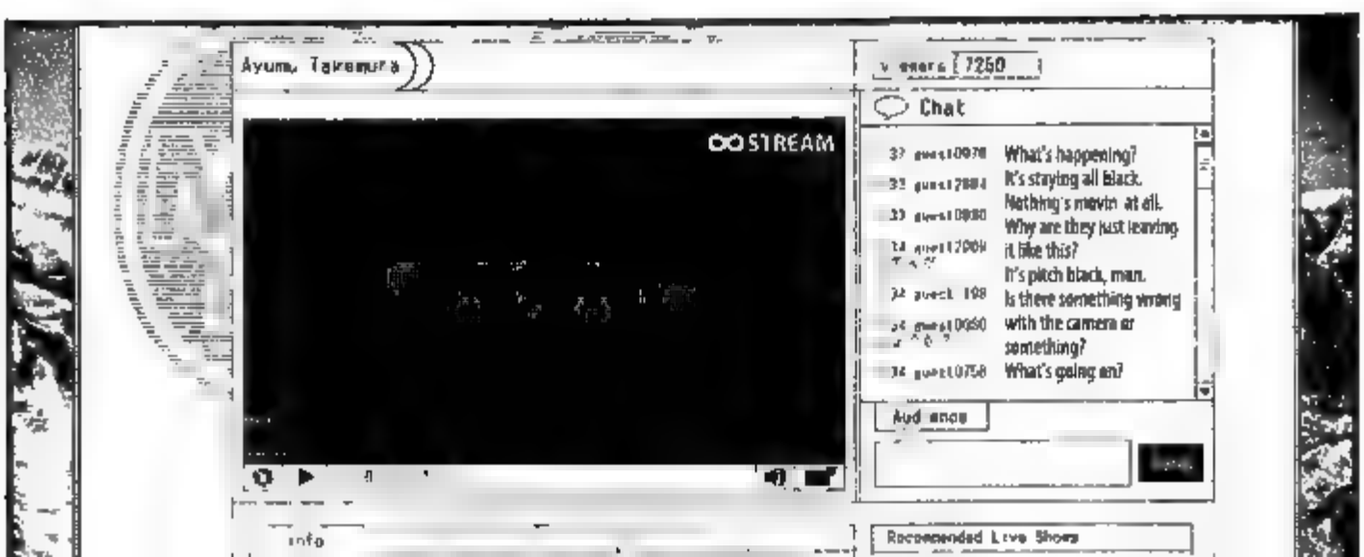






*An assisting rope tied on to a climbing rope that can carry weight and holds it using friction

So if by some chance I fall, I won't pull Takemura, who's up above, down with me...
No matter the costs, this is my only choice.


Ayumu Takemura
STREAM
Chat
What's happening?
It's staying all black.
Nothing's movin' at all.
Why are they just leaving it like this?
It's pitch black, man.
Is there something wrong with the camera or something?
What's going on?
Recommended Live Shows

:14:34

THE TIMESTAMP KEEPS ON COUNTING. .

:14:33

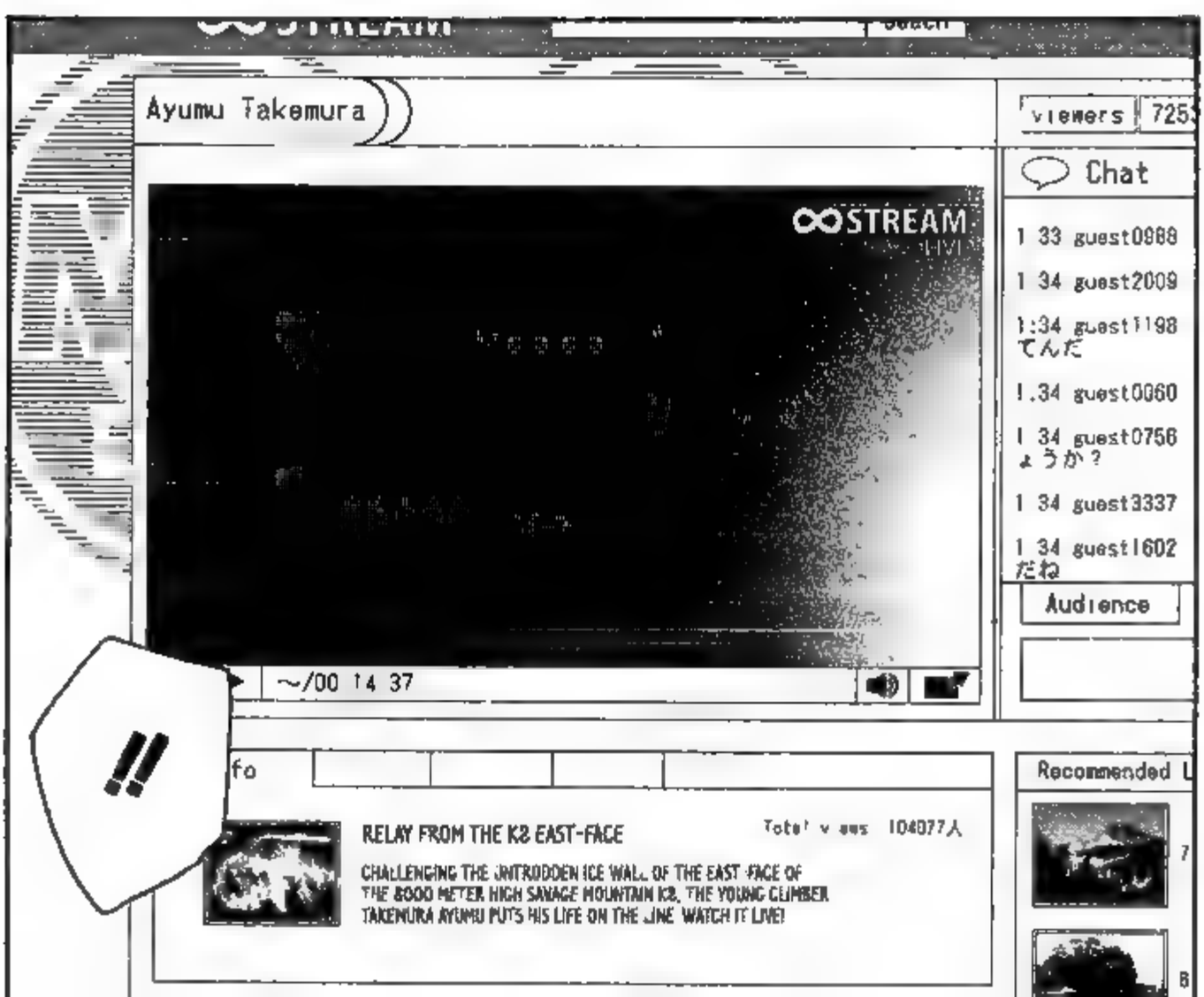
BUT ..

HUH? IT'S BEEN PITCH BLACK FOR A WHILE.

MAYBE THERE'S A BAD CONNE-CTION?

It can't be...

!!



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[鉄の集団で「最強、怪物」と呼ばれた、孤高の男]

今野和義

KONNO KAZUYOSHI

THE CLIMBER 極限の挑戦者15

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「そう、登山とは行動の美学」

1979年12月2日、谷川岳一の倉沢、中央壁冬期単独初登攀を達成

1960年代後半、世界の登山界で名を轟かせた鉄の集団・山学同志会で「最強、怪物」と呼ばれたクライマー今野和義。厳しい登山に挑み続け、「自分がやりたいと思った事を自分でやりとげる」信念を貫いた孤高の男として、今も畏敬される。常に登山の本質を求め続けた、その人生を振り返る。

1960年代後半、世界の一線に立つことを標榜したクライマー集団があった。それは稀代の山岳オーガナイザー小西政継が率い、「鉄の集団」とも呼ばれた山学同志会。67年にはマッターホルン北壁の冬期3登（日本人初登）をなし、より困難に憧れる者の注目を集める存在となっていた。

職場の山岳部に入り、谷川岳や穂高の岩場に通っていた今野和義は、さらなる高みへと想いを膨らませていた。今野和義は迷わず同志会の門を叩く。そして一年半、猛烈な勢いで登る。71年、小西率いる同志会の冬期アルプス三大北壁最後となるグランドジョラス北壁登攀に参加。6名のチームの中で今野は壁の半分以上、困難な部分のほとんどでトップを引く。9泊10日、大寒波の中、食料や燃料を落とし生への脱出行となった登攀の立役者として活躍。吹き曝しで誰もが怖気づく、寒く厳しい壁を先陣をきって登る今野の姿に、小西をして「こんな強い男が出てきたんじゃあ、おれの出番はない」と言わしめ、「最強、怪物」と呼ばれるまでになる。頭角を現した今野は、次はヒマラヤ、難峰ジャヌー北壁の初登攀でもルート開拓の先頭に立ち、成功の原動力となる。当時の今野は自らの登山についてこう語る。

「常に真剣であり、真実を見つめ、そして真実を求めたい。登山、それはただの一歩たりともこの意志なしに前進することはできない。理論、世間、そんなものはくそくらえだ。登山とは行動の美学である。生と死の極限をきわめることほど美しい行為はない。それはまさに純粋の世界であり、最も精神の高揚するときであり、また充実する時でもある（「岩と雪」より）

かつてはヒマラヤ遠征に行きだすと、国内での登攀から遠ざかる者も多かったが、今野は違った。76年のジャヌー北壁の前には越後駒ヶ岳佐梨川の難ルートの冬期初登を二回、後には黒部奥鐘山西壁中央ルンゼの初登、その後も多くの登攀を行なう。78年には、アイガー北壁、マッターホルン北壁の冬期連続登攀を成功させ、北壁三冠王となる。ソ連の岩登り大会で技術とスピードの違いを思い知らされてからは、若いメンバーを誘い継続スピード登攀、単独にも熱を入れた。

一方、センセーショナルな記録達成を続けた山学同志会は次の目標を世界第三位の高峰、カンチェンジュンガとし、未踏の北壁を無酸素で初登攀を目指す。今野は、世界に名を轟かせ歴史に名を刻むであろう計画に、小西から誘われる。しかし、今野は誘いを断る。

「自ら選んだ難壁を単独で登る」ことを選んだのだ。世の中の評価ではなく、自分がやりたいと思った事を自分でやりとげることにこだわる孤高の男になっていた。今野は、80年のグランドジョラス北壁冬期単独登攀を次の目標と定め、厳しく激しい登攀を続けた。彼の根底にあるものは何だったのか？

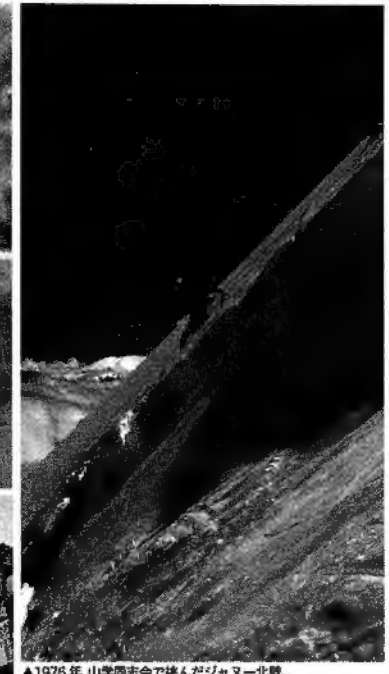
「人生とは、長く生きることも素晴らしいが、それだけではない。いかに生きたかということがもっとも重要ではないだろうか。悪雪のあのマイナス40度という極寒のグランドジョラス北壁の11日間にわたる激しい登攀の時、ぼくは正直にそう思った。死ぬのはいやだ。俺は生きたいという祈りにも似た生への執着を抱き、太陽のきらめく山稜を夢み、そして太陽のぬくもりを願望した。人間は死に直面した時、初めて生きることの素晴らしさを知る。認識のない行動は無に等しい。万物は認識した時に初めてその価値を見い出す（「岩と雪」より）

グランドジョラス単独を前に、79年12月2日に谷川岳一の倉沢中央壁、氷雪のミックスルートの冬期単独初登に見事成功。翌週10日は衝立岩正面壁A字ハングに単独で挑戦。垂直に切り立つ岩壁の登攀中に墜死。生涯を終える。

鉄の集団・山学同志会の小西政継の妻、郁子の言葉。「出しゃばらず、粋がらず、いともさりげなく、当然のように大きなことを成し遂げていった」。今野和義はそんな男だった。

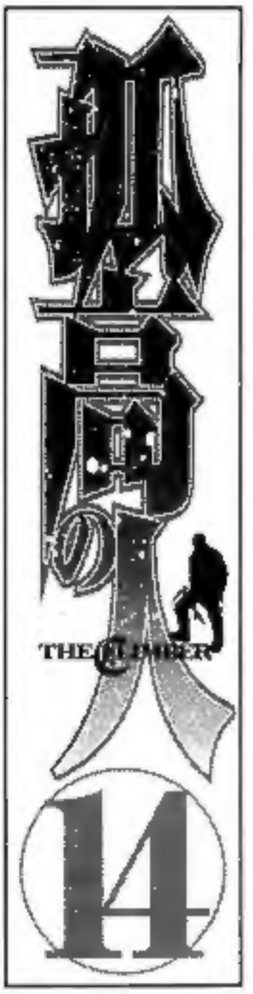
▲1971年、冬期グランドジョラス北壁登攀。写真は南面の雪稜にて。

こんのかずよし。1946年、秋田県生まれ。小学校では野球、中学ではバスケット部活動の傍ら、ウサギや鶏を飼い、山菜を取って遊ぶなど豊かな自然の中でのびのびと育つ。中学を卒業し、日本鋼管に就職。神奈川の会社の簿記校、工場勤務、夜間高校通学の3つをこなす。新しい生活になれた頃、職場の山岳部に入り、持ち前の粘り強さと向上心ですぐに谷川岳や穂高の岩場に通うようになる。そして、さらなる高みへと想いが膨らむ。



▲1976年、山学同志会で挑んだジャヌー北壁。ポートレートはともにジャヌー北壁にて。

今野和義　挑戦の年譜	
1946年	秋田県由利郡(当時)に生まれる
1962年	日本鋼管山岳部に入り、登山、岩登りを始める
1968年	11月に山学同志会に移る
1969～70年	谷川、穂高、甲斐駒など日本国内の岩壁、氷壁を登りまくる
1970年	12月～71年1月　グランドジョラス北壁冬期世界第二登に成功 凍傷で左足指5本切断
1974年	12月　越後駒ヶ岳佐梨川金山沢奥壁第5スラブ冬期初登
1975年	3月　越後駒ヶ岳佐梨川金山沢奥壁第4スラブ～ダイレクトスラブ冬期初登
1976年	5月　ネパールヒマラヤ、ジャヌー北壁初登 10月　ソ連国際岩登り大会出場
1977年	3月　黒部奥鐘山西壁中央ルンゼ冬期初登～鹿島槍ヶ岳縦走
1978年	2～3月　アイガー北壁、マッターホルン北壁冬期連続登攀 アルプス三大北壁の冬期三冠王となる
1979年	谷川岳一の倉沢で多くの記録的な継続スピード登攀、単独登攀を実践 12月、谷川岳一の倉沢中央壁冬期単独初登 同、谷川岳一の倉沢衝立岩A字ハング単独登攀中に墜死、生涯を終える



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セラック（P3・P30）……①
氷河の屈曲地点などで、氷河がせり上がってできる氷の塔。

アブルッツィ稜（P18）
K2の初登ルートとなった南東稜の呼称。イタリアのアルディト・デジト隊により1954年7月31日初登頂される。名称はイタリアの提督、冒険家のアブルッツィ侯爵に由来する。K2のベースキャンプは南側にあるため、東壁にとりつくためにこの南東稜の麓を回りこむ。

ヒドゥンクレバス（P33）……②
雪に覆われて見えなくなっているクレバス（氷河の割れ目）。氷河の屈曲点であるセラック帯にできやすい。

高度障害・高所順応（P53・P73）……③
高山では地上より酸素が薄い。5500mで0m（平地）の半分、8000mで3分の1でしかない。その環境では、体は酸欠状態になり、さまざまな症状が現われる。倦怠感や行動力の低下、頭痛、吐き気…、重篤になると脳浮腫、肺水腫になる。この低酸素症を高山病、あるいは高度障害と呼ぶ。

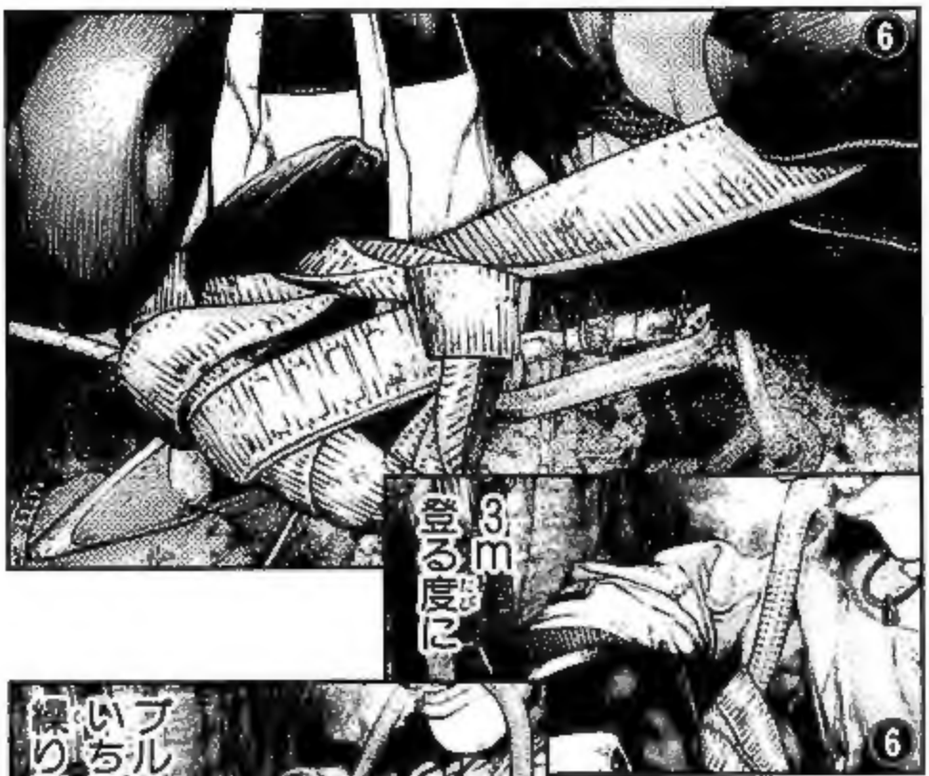
それを防ぐために体を高所(低酸素状態)に慣らすことが高所順応。高所に体が慣れると、運動能力は回復し高山病にもなりにくくなる。そのメカニズムは、高所に登るという刺激を体に与えると、血液中の酸素を運搬する物質・ヘモグロビン、及びそれを含む赤血球が増加する。また、呼吸が深く速くなり、心拍も速くなり、末梢の血管が太くなる。一度ある高度に順化すると、再度その高度に達した時に、反応が早く現われるようになる。通常、高所順応では、最高到達高度を500~800m(能力が高ければ1000m)程度引き上げた後、一旦高度を下げて休養、ということを繰り返す。8000mの超高所登山では、理想的には7500m程度まで順応行動をしてから最終アタックに移る。

また本編では簡易的なチェックに脈拍を測っている。アスリートなら、平地では40代の脈拍数。心拍数が大きく増えているほど、疲労、高所の影響で、身体の酸素供給状態が足りていないことを意味している。

スタカット (P107)……④
隔時登攀。ザイルで結びあった2人の1人だけが登攀し、もう1人が確保。これを繰り返して交互に進む登り方。

ユマール (P153)……⑤
垂直に吊るしたロープを登下降するための器具。ユマールに連結したスリングに立ちこむように登るため、ザイルに荷重が加わる。

プルージック (P196)……⑥
ザイルに補助ロープを結びつける方法。荷重がかかっていないときは、ザイルに巻いた結び目は自由に動く。いったん荷重がかかると、結び目が締まり、摩擦で停止する。



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